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A suspect is covered by armed policemen as freed hostages gather beside the hijacked bus. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Canadian bus hijack drama ends

### Help Christians, demands Lebanese immigrant

OTTAWA, April 8, (UPI): A Lebanese immigrant hijacked a Greyhound bus near Montreal yesterday and ordered it driven to the front lawn of the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa, where he held several hostages at gunpoint for six hours before surrendering to police.

Authorities said the hijacker, identified as Charles Yacoub, commandeered the New York-bound bus, claiming to represent a group called the Christian Lebanese Liberation Front, and demanded that the Canadian government do something to help Christians living in war-torn Lebanon.

The eight-hour hijacking ended peacefully at 7:56 pm EDT (2356 GMT) when Yacoub, a French-speaking Montreal resident in his mid-30s, surrendered and released five remaining hostages from the Greyhound Americruiser bus. Six other hostages including the driver, were released earlier.

No injuries were reported, although the hijacker fired at least three shots from a bus window while the vehicle was parked outside parliament, police said.

## Marcos is bleeding internally: Imelda

HONOLULU, April 8, (Reuter): Former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos is bleeding internally and has received blood transfusions for the past four days, his wife said yesterday, a day after US prosecutors conceded he was too ill to stand trial.

Imelda Marcos said her husband had recently undergone an exploratory examination of his lungs and stomach. "I spent yesterday at his hospital bedside praying," she told reporters.

A spokeswoman for St Francis Medical Centre, where Marcos is being treated, would say only Marcos was in guarded condition in an intensive care unit. He entered the hospital on Jan 21 and has been treated for pneumonia and bronchial asthma.

On Thursday, government prosecutors said in New York that Marcos, 71, was too ill to stand trial on fraud charges but they were prepared to reinstate the charges if his health improved.

Marcos faces charges of stealing \$103 million from the Philippine Treasury and fraudulently borrowing \$165 million from New York banks to buy property.

Imelda, who is free on bail of \$5 million put up by her friend Doris Duke, a tobacco heiress, is to stand trial in New York on similar charges.

She said she was ready to stand trial alone and is confident she will be acquitted.

Members of her legal defence team are expected to arrive in Honolulu from San Francisco later yesterday to confer with her. Marcos and his wife were forced out of the Philippines by a popular-backed Army revolt in February 1986.

## Soviet attack sub sinks off Norway

### 12 dead; no radiation, says Gorbachev

OSLO, April 8, (Agencies): A Soviet nuclear-powered attack submarine caught fire and sank in the Norwegian Sea, killing at least 12 crew members, and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said Saturday there was no risk of a radiation leak, officials said.

In a message to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and relayed through aides early Saturday, Gorbachev assured her that "the assessment of a risk of an explosion or a leak was negligible," a spokeswoman for Thatcher said.

"What he really wanted to do was reassure her about the nuclear sub accident. He reported where it had occurred, and there had been a loss of life," the spokeswoman said.



Some of the surviving crew members of the sunken submarine seen floating (above) in the Norwegian Sea before being rescued by Soviet vessels and (below) a file photo shows a similar Soviet submarine.

(Reuter wirephoto)

## Big plot to destabilise India

### Five Sikhs charged

NEW DELHI, April 8, (Agencies): The government has charged five Sikhs, including a dead man, for conspiracy in the 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and said it was part of a plot to establish a separate Sikh nation.

Officers from the special investigating team probing Indira's murder filed the charges before S.L. Khanna, New Delhi's chief magistrate.

## Arafat: 'No' Israel to negotiate with allies of PLO

WASHINGTON, April 8, (Agencies): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has said that, if elected, PLO sympathisers in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip could take part in negotiations with Israel.

But PLO chairman Yasser Arafat rejected Shamir's proposal for elections in occupied territories.

In a US television interview, the visiting Shamir was asked how he would respond if Palestinians, accepting his new proposal to elect negotiators, chose people sympathetic to the PLO.

"I think it could happen but if these people that have some sympathies will agree and will accept the principle, the principles of the agreement about the elections, it means they will accept the process of negotiations between Palestinians and Israel," he said.

It was the closest the hardline Shamir had come to saying publicly what many Israeli officials privately admit — that the Jewish state ultimately will have to talk to PLO representatives.

He still ruled out any contacts with Arafat or his organisation despite its avowed recognition of Israel and renunciation of terrorism.

"Their main goal is to exterminate the Israeli people and to destroy the state of Israel. This is their goal and they've not changed it," Shamir said in the interview.



Two Lebanese children in the Druze town of Shoufat, south of Beirut standing near a big hole in the wall of their house caused by savage shelling between Aoun's troops and Muslims. (Reuter wirephoto)

## US welcomes call by Aoun for reform

### Sporadic shelling in Beirut

WASHINGTON, April 8, (Agencies): The United States has praised a call by a leader of Lebanon's Christians for political reform, saying it could open the way to resolving some of the fundamental problems tearing the country apart.

The comments appeared to indicate a State Department tilt toward the Christians, who have been fighting a coalition of Muslim militiamen and their Syrian backers in the worst round of civil violence Lebanon has known for four years.

It was the first time in the latest round of artillery duels, which began four weeks ago, that the State Department has departed from its language of neutrality.

Major General Michel Aoun, who leads the Christian units in Lebanon's Army, on Thursday called for a conference between the warring sides to discuss power-sharing between Christians and Muslims.

"We have achieved equality in humiliating for 14 years," Aoun said. "We have to acquire equality today in responsibility, liberation, dignity and partnership."

"We have to be partners in making out destiny, because this partnership alone is bound to realise justice, equality and equal opportunities in a full national sense," he said.

Aoun said the Lebanese will have to pay much more dearly if they delay in achieving unity.

security, dignity, stability and reconstruction of their homeland.

"We welcome the commitment that General Aoun made," said the State Department. "We applaud his recognition that all Lebanese have the right to security, liberty, and dignity."

Syrian gunners today maintained their artillery harassment of Lebanon's Christian enclave, despite a ceasefire called by the Arab League.

No casualties were reported. A police spokesman said Syrian artillery emplacements fired five howitzer shells into different areas of the 310-square-kilometre (800-square-mile) Christian enclave at 10:30 am (0830 GMT).

The 130-millimetre shells exploded in unpopulated areas, said the spokesman, who cannot be named in line with standing rules.

He said gunners of Aoun's troops were not responding to the Syrian fire.

In Paris, the Foreign Ministry said that a floating hospital and an oil tanker set sail for Beirut yesterday carrying fuel, food and medical supplies to relieve victims of the latest violence in Lebanon.

La Rance, a Navy medical ship out of Toulon, equipped with two operating rooms and a medical staff of 34, was expected to arrive next Wednesday off the coast of Lebanon.

At least three Muslims died and 30 others were injured in clashes and firing between armed youths and police in the northern city of Sngar yesterday, a senior police official said.

The injured were admitted to a hospital in Golaghat district of Assam, the news agency said.

Kabul missile hits Pakistan

KABUL, April 8, (Reuter): A long-range Afghan missile missed a mujahadeen rebel target and slammed into Pakistani territory, causing casualties, a government spokesman said today.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Sex survey to be revised

WASHINGTON, April 8, (AP): Health Secretary Louis Sullivan, responding to criticism from budget director Richard Darman, has ordered public health officials to revise a survey that would probe the sexual lives of thousands of Americans.

Sullivan said he was acting to ensure that the federal government does not inappropriately intrude into the most personal aspects of citizens' lives, while balancing the need to gain a better understanding of how the deadly AIDS virus is being spread.

In a statement issued by his office last evening, the secretary said his "initial review of the survey instrument does indicate to me potential problems with the tone and content of the questions."

## Basques bomb rail targets

MADRID, April 8, (Reuters): Basque guerrillas, who this week called off a truce in their 21-year campaign for a separate state, bombed railway targets in northern Spain today, police said. No one was hurt.

Five bombs exploded in the region of Navarre, bordering the Basque country, at electricity generating stations along the main railway line between Madrid and France. Police defused three more bombs.

## 261 Albanians jailed

BELGRADE, April 8, (Reuters): Yugoslavia has jailed 261 ethnic Albanian workers in riot-torn Kosovo province for violating orders to return to work after a general strike last month, Tanjug news agency said yesterday.

It said the workers were given jail terms of between 40 and 60 days and 247 workers were fired or suspended. It did not say when the jailings and sackings occurred.

## Tremor shakes Lisbon

LISBON, April 8, (Reuters): An earth tremor shook Lisbon early today but police, who were flooded by telephone calls from worried residents, reported no serious damage or casualties.

The Portuguese capital was flattened in 1755 by one of the strongest earthquakes ever felt in Europe.

## 11 killed in Sri Lankan mine explosions

COLOMBO, April 8, (Agencies): Two landmines exploded in southern Sri Lanka yesterday killing 10 policemen and a civilian and critically wounding six policemen, the military said.

Authorities blamed the Marxist People's Liberation Front, an extremist Sinhalese group trying to overthrow the government.

A landmine blew up a police van in the town of Lumaganve-

hera, about 160 kilometres (100 miles) southeast of Colombo, said military officials, who cannot be identified under briefing rules. Four policemen died and four others were wounded, they said.

About 10 kilometres (six miles) away in the town of Hulgama, a similar explosion killed six policemen and a civilian and wounded two other policemen.

the officials said.

All victims were Sinhalese, they said.

Sinhalese militants have been trying since July 1987 to topple the government, saying a peace accord aimed at ending a Tamil insurgency gave too many concessions to the minority community.

A former Tamil militant leader yesterday said the largest and

most militant rebel group, The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, had killed 2,600 Tamil youths since the insurrection began in 1983.

It was not possible to independently verify the claim made by Varadaraja Perumal, a Tamil chief minister of the northeastern province.

Perumal was formerly head of

a rival guerrilla militia, the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front, that gave up arms to join the political process last year.

Perumal also said powers to the provincial councils should be devolved based on the Indian system.

"Our provincial council system derives from the Indian states system so we should follow

their interpretation regarding the centre-province power devolution," Perumal said.

He was speaking a day after President Ranasinghe Premadasa met all of the country's eight provincial chiefs to settle the problems of power sharing.

"The President had promised to take all arrangements to make the councils effective and proper," the chief minister said.



Queen Elizabeth (right) greets Gorbachev at Windsor Castle. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Gorbachev invites Queen to Moscow

## Soviet leader ends tour

LONDON, April 8, (AP): Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, has announced cutbacks in nuclear weapons components, at the end of visit to Britain capped by inviting Queen Elizabeth II to Moscow.

The steadily strengthening relationship between the Soviets and Britain took a significant step yesterday with Gorbachev's welcome at Windsor Castle and his invitation to a monarch whose Russian relatives — the family of Czar Nicholas II — were slain by revolutionaries in 1917.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said the Queen gave "a very definite yes" to becoming the first British sovereign to visit Russia since the revolution, but that no date had been set.

Thatcher and Gorbachev disagreed on issues of nuclear disarmament, East-West superiority in Europe and human rights.

And Thatcher virtually dismissed the Soviet leader's promise to halt production of weapons-grade uranium and shut down to more plutonium-producing reactors by the end of 1990.

But she heartily declared Gorbachev's third visit to Britain "very successful, warm and friendly," echoing his assertion that it had strengthened their ties.

And she noted the charm of Gorbachev and his wife, Raisa, had impressed Britons. Many had waited in chill rain to greet them and were rewarded with two hand-shaking detours into the crowds.

Newspapers agreed. "Rarely does the visit of a foreign statesman arouse such genuine enthusiasm," cheered the conservative Daily Telegraph.

"When so much of international relations consists of destructive gestures, the symbolic affirmative conveyed by such a visit cannot fail to be a good thing," said the liberal Guardian.

The Gorbachevs' 40-hour stay ended with a day steeped in pageantry.

The President gave an unusually brief 27-minute speech in the splendid setting of London's Guildhall, the 1,000-year-old seat of city government, filled with bejewelled, robed city leaders.

Gorbachev called his announcement, broadcast live across Britain and the United States, "another major step toward the complete cessation of production of fissionable materials for use in nuclear weapons."

Thatcher later ascribed little importance to the decision because, she said, existing Soviet stockpiles would mean the cutbacks "will have to effect in practice."

The Soviet step followed Gorbachev's December announcement to the United Nations that the Soviet Union would pare 500,000 men from its standing Army and withdraw troops and tanks from European and Chinese frontiers.

Gorbachev lauded Britain for unilaterally eliminating chemical weapons stocks and said his country had built a facility for destroying its own chemical weapons, which he would soon invite British experts to inspect.

He spoke of his domestic reforms, acknowledging he did not at first realise the size of problems, but asserting "there is no turning back for anyone."

"The people have firmly linked their destiny with perestroika (restructuring)," said the Soviet leader.

"We want you to succeed in your task," said Thatcher in her reply.

Gorbachev told Thatcher the West should drop plans to modernise short-range nuclear missiles but the British prime minister maintained a nuclear deterrent was essential.

Although Thatcher acknowledged improved human rights in the Soviet Union, she urged Gorbachev to deal with some "outstanding cases."

Soviet officials in turn expressed concern about what they said was a human rights matter of interest to the Kremlin, the case of the Birmingham six, said Soviet Communist Party central committee official Andrei Gratchov.

The Gorbachevs lunched at Windsor Castle, and from there drove to Heathrow airport to fly home.

## Kremlin not listening: Georgia angry

MOSCOW, April 8, (AP): Soviet troops and tanks surrounded the main square and TV station today in the Georgian capital of Tbilisi in an effort to end protest after nearly a week of ethnic unrest, an activist said.

Irina Sarishvili, a spokeswoman for the National Democratic Party of Georgia, said in a telephone interview from the southern Soviet republic that thousands of protesters had surrounded themselves with buses and trolleys in the square to ward off the soldiers and tanks.

"People are indignant. They feel the Kremlin isn't listening to them," Sarishvili said.

## Bush rejects complaints

## Baker plans first trip to Moscow

WASHINGTON, April 8, (Agencies): Secretary of State James Baker will visit Moscow for his first official visit May 10-11, the State Department announced yesterday.

A similar announcement was made in Moscow in a one-paragraph statement by the Russian news agency Tass.

News of the impending trip by the new US Secretary of State came as the Soviets expressed irritation over the Bush administration's failure to respond to recent unilateral arms and troop cuts by the Soviet Union.

On Thursday, Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said in London: "We are apprehensive that arms talks will stall and we will lose the momentum and be back to square one."

But in Washington, President Bush refused to be provoked on what he has described as a thorough review of all foreign policy areas, including arms control.

Bush said, "We will review our policy the way we feel is best, and when we feel it appropriate to move, we will move."

A State Department spokesman, Richard Boucher, said the United States was ready to resume arms talks with the Soviets — but refused to say

when. Boucher said Baker would meet with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

"The secretary's discussions will cover the full range of issues in areas of human rights, arms control, regional affairs, bilateral matters and transnational issues," Boucher said in a brief statement.

"The announcements made by secretary Gorbachev on arms cut do not constrain the Soviet nuclear weapons programme ... the Soviet Union still has a number of reactors, military and civilian ones, to produce materials that are capable of being used in (weapons)," Boucher said of the Soviet initiative.

"This should not divert attention from the real issue — that of working through negotiations to reduce the level of nuclear weapons."

"President Bush earlier on Friday rejected Gorbachev's complaints about the pace of US-Soviet arms control negotiations, insisting the Kremlin leader 'knows there is no foot-dragging,'" by the United States.

"We're the United States of America. We're making a prudent review and I'll be ready to discuss that with the Soviets when we are ready," Bush said at a news conference.

## Consulate in Leningrad bugged, complains US

## Devices discovered

WASHINGTON, April 8, (AP): The United States has accused the Soviet Union of placing several listening devices in the US consulate in Leningrad and said the American people resented "such hostile attempts at intelligence gathering."

The allegation was levelled yesterday by the State Department in a brief notice to reporters. It said the listening devices were discovered in early February during an inspection.

"Such hostile attempts at intelligence gathering, however long ago they may have been initiated, are deeply resented by the American people," the department said it had told the Soviets in a protest.

The devices in the consulate — which was opened in 1973 — were discovered by security officers for the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, the statement said.

According to a US official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, the devices were implanted "deep in the structure a long time ago." He declined to provide further details.

Rozanne Ridgway, who heads the State Department's European affairs bureau, summoned Soviet Ambassador Yuri Dubinin this week to deliver the protest, said spokeswoman

Nancy Beck. Officials, refusing to be identified, said Dubinin was called in yesterday.

In 1985, the United States accused the Soviets of planting listening devices in the new US embassy chancery in Moscow. In 1987, a Marine guard, Sgt. Clayton Lonetree, was accused and court-martialed on charges he permitted Soviet intelligence agents to gain access to the US embassy.

The latest accusation of Soviet intrusion was unexpected. The two governments were in the process of deciding whether to open new consulates in Kiev and New York.

Secretary of State James Baker, meanwhile, was in the midst of deciding what to do about the US embassy in Moscow.

The two sides he sent there on an inspection trip returned two weeks ago with a recommendation to salvage part of the chancery, an administration official said Wednesday.

Their recommendation was to dismantle the top floors, which are believed to be riddled with eavesdropping devices, and to replace them with bug-free floors or an adjoining annex, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

## Soviet attack sub sinks off Norway

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hesitant and slow Saturday by Norwegian Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg.

Stoltenberg said in an interview with state-run television that the Soviet Union, although readily willing to supply information when asked, had apparently been unwilling to disclose the accident initially and had taken "too long" to give Norway information.

"I will therefore urge the Soviet Union to enter into an agreement for the exchange of information on incidents of this kind," Stoltenberg said.

Gjeseth said Soviet nuclear-powered submarines normally carry atomic weapons, but he said the Norwegians had no specific information indicating the sunken vessel had nuclear arms. The ministry said the submarine could carry SS-NX-21 cruise missiles.

Gjeseth said Moscow had also assured Norway that radioactive materials had not been released from the nuclear-powered submarine, but Norway began Saturday a large-scale process of testing the area for possible radiation leakage.

In Washington, White House spokesman Bob Hall said Friday that the submarine was "lost." White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater said there were reports of deaths, but he had no details.

Gjeseth said earlier that a Norwegian Air Force plane had spotted two lifeboats about 300 miles from the coast of Norway and 118 miles south-southwest of Bear Island in the Norwegian Sea on Friday afternoon.

People could be seen in one of the dinghies, but the plane's crew could not say how many Soviets were aboard the "Mike" class nuclear-powered submarine, Gjeseth said.

"Jane's Fighting Ships," an authoritative publication on the world's war fleets, said the vessel has a crew capacity of 95 and can manage speeds of up to 38 knots.

The Norwegian Air Force crews said they saw no sign of the submarine on the surface.

Norwegian Defence Minister Johan Juergen Holst told Norwegian national radio "There was a fire on board the vessel," but that it could not be confirmed that a fire had caused the accident.

Soviet merchant ships and planes were in the area, and Holst said the Soviets had made no request for help from Norwegian rescue officials.

A Pentagon publication on the Soviet military said the "Mike" class submarine carries torpedoes and is capable of launching nuclear anti-submarine warfare missiles.

Fitzwater said President Bush was informed of the submarine accident Friday before he departed for Camp David in mid-afternoon.

"We will continue to monitor the situation," Fitzwater said. "We do express our sympathy to the Soviet people."

The 361-foot submarine is one of the Soviet Union's newest attack vessels, first built in 1984, with two nuclear reactors aboard.

Bear Island is the southernmost island of the Spitzbergen archipelago.

## Pretoria committed to Namibian plan

## UN satisfied

UNITED NATIONS, April 8, (AP): The Security Council is satisfied that South Africa is committed to granting independence to Namibia, the council's President said yesterday.

Soviet Ambassador Aleksandr M. Belonogov, this month's council president, announced the conclusion after private consultations among the 15 council members. They based the statement on a letter from South African Foreign Minister R.F. Botha, he said.

Some 28 UN security force members and 261 guerrillas of the South-West Africa People's Organisation have died since fighting broke out last Saturday as the UN peace plan was to take effect.

"From the contents of that letter, it is quite clear that South Africa declares itself to be committed to the implementation of Resolution 435," the UN's independence plan for Namibia, Belonogov said.

The South African administrator for Namibia, Louis Pien-

aar, earlier yesterday had declared a "de facto suspension" of the UN independence plan, under which South Africa would relinquish 23 years of control over the territory.

South Africa's UN Ambassador, Jeremy Shearer, said the suspension was forced by "a unilateral action by the ex-patriates" of SWAPO who crossed into Namibia from Angola.

Botha also said yesterday in South Africa that he would call up as many South African troops as needed to handle the clashes in Namibia, and had informed Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar of that decision.

The UN chief had no comment when he entered and left the council chambers.

Western diplomats said the UN chief briefed them on his efforts to restore the ceasefire that was to have begun April 1, the day the UN's one-year plan for supervising Namibia's transition to independence began.

## Haitian troops 'dislodge rebels' from barracks

PORT-AU-PRINCE, April 8, (Reuters): Presidential guardsmen appeared to have dislodged rebel troops from a city barracks after heavy fighting which caused many civilian casualties.

Sources close to the military said members of the Presidential Guard, Haiti's strongest military unit, attacked the headquarters of the Dessalines battalion near the Presidential Palace with a light tank late yesterday.

Diplomatic sources said cannon fire which echoed around the capital had landed in residential areas beyond the barracks and there were many civilian casualties.

"This is a disaster," a Western diplomat said.

Haitian Red Cross President William Fougere called on state radio for ambulances and other vehicles, indicating the fighting had left many dead and wounded.

Residents monitoring short wave radio said it appeared that, after several assaults, many of the rebel soldiers had surrendered.

The military government of President Prosper Avril has been trying to suppress a revolt in which up to 12 soldiers have died.

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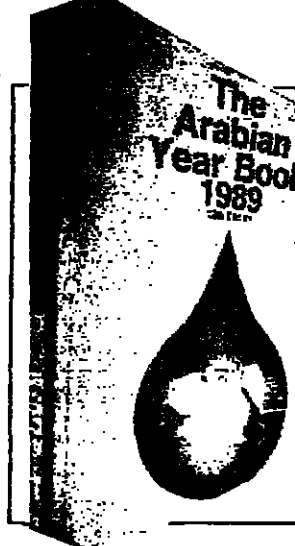
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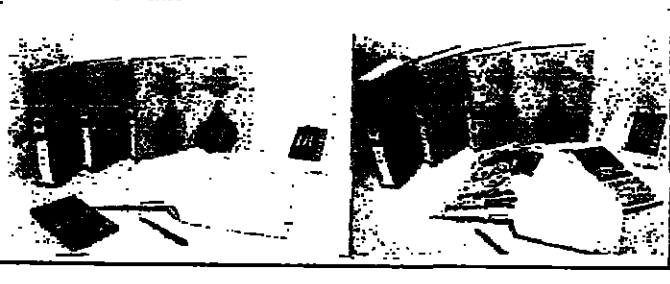
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INTERNATIONAL

# Los Angeles shakes and bakes

## Heat wave around the world

LOS ANGELES, April 8. (Agencies): Record-shattering temperatures brought on by searing desert winds wilted southern California for a fourth straight day yesterday but were briefly overshadowed by an earthquake that strained already overheated nerves.

The mercury in downtown Los Angeles hit 100°F (38°C) at 1.00 pm yesterday eclipsing the record for the day of 88°F (31°C) set in 1962, the National Weather Service said.

Seven minutes later, the quake, measuring 4.6 on the Richter scale, struck in Newport beach and was felt over most of

southern California, causing at least three minor injuries.

The earthquake sent goods crashing off shelves, cracking walls and breaking water mains.

"It sounded like an explosion," said Dolores Butler, who lives on the outskirts of Los Angeles.

But, despite a popular myth, record-breaking temperatures have no bearing on the earth's movement.

"There is no verified statistical relationship between earthquakes and weather," said Robert Finn, a spokesman for the Caltech Seismology Lab in

Pasadena. "It's difficult for seismologists to understand how weather on the surface of the earth could affect the earth 10 miles (16 km) down."

Soon after the ground stopped shaking, the fourth day of record temperatures became the focus of attention once again.

It was 106°F (41°C) at the Los Angeles Civic Centre Thursday afternoon, making it the hottest April day on record after topping Wednesday's record high of 105°F (40°C) and Tuesday's 100°F (38°C). The previous record of 100°F (38°C) for an April day was set on April 23,

1910.

But the humidity remained a barely discernible nine per cent through much of yesterday, lessening the discomfort.

The heat wave began Tuesday, and by Thursday it was a searing 112°F (44°C) in El Toro, topping reported highs of 110°F (43°C) in the Australian outback and 109°F (42°C) at Diffa, Niger, in the middle of the Sahara desert, according to the Accu-weather Forecasting Service.

Highs were expected to drop a few degrees into the 90°F (30°C) today and tomorrow, weather service spokesman Dave Cooper said.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Shooting

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, April 8. (AP): A union leader and colleague of slain Amazonian ecologist Chico Mendes were targets of a possible assassination attempt, police said yesterday.

Federal police chief Orion Alves said shots were fired last night at the home of Osmarino Amancio, president of the rubber tappers union in the remote Amazon jungle town of Brasilia in Acre state, 2,700 miles (4,300 kilometres) northwest of Rio, Brazil's border with Bolivia.

"We are aware of a possible assassination attempt and gunshots outside his house, but we don't know who fired them," Alves said by telephone from Rio Branco, the Acre state capital 155 miles (250 kilometres) from Brasilia.

#### Nuclear fusion

SALT LAKE CITY, April 8. (UPI): The Utah legislature overwhelmingly approved \$5 million yesterday to finance a reported discovery of simple, safe and inexpensive nuclear fusion that University of Utah scientists say could revolutionise energy production.

With only two dissenting votes, the 75-member House approved separate bills establishing an oversight committee and appropriating \$5 million through fiscal 1990 for fusion research and development. The Senate approved the measures with only a single opposing vote cast.

Fusion was the sole topic of the one-day special session of the legislature, called by Governor Norm Bangerter to support the breakthrough discovery announced March 23 in Utah.

#### Czar's family photos

LONDON, April 8. (AP): Informal photographs of the late Russian Czar and his family, including many taken in the exile before their deaths, sold for \$39,600 pounds (\$66,900) at an auction yesterday, Sotheby's Auction House said.

Most of the 18 photographs, including one of Czar Nicholas II's daughter Anastasia and another of the family dog Joy, were taken by the children's British tutor Charles Sidney Gibbs.

Also included was a reproduction of a photo taken by another of Nicholas' daughters of her father and brother, the heir to the empire, sailing wood to heat their Siberian prison home.

#### Ballet competition

NEW YORK, April 8. (AP): Mississippi Governor Ray Mabus announced yesterday that Jackson will host the international ballet competition for the fourth time in June of 1990.

Mabus, flanked by his wife, Julie, attended a press briefing at the Russian tea room in Manhattan, where the formal announcement was made.

The competition rotates between Jackson, Mississippi; Varna, Bulgaria; Helsinki, Finland and Moscow. This year's event will be in Moscow.

#### Have a nice time with rats

LOS ANGELES, April 8. (AP): The owner of a decaying residential hotel was sentenced to live in his own rat-infested building for 100 days, the longest such sentence ever imposed on a convicted Los Angeles slumlord, authorities said.

Amiya K. Goswami, 54, was ordered Thursday to stay inside the four-story hotel near MacArthur Park 24 hours a day beginning April 13. If repairs are not made by July 25, Goswami must follow up his hotel stay with four months in county jail, municipal judge Suzanne Person ruled.

Deputy city attorney Diane Stephenson said rats and roaches run freely through the 197-unit building just west of downtown. The walls of the building are riddled with holes, plumbing fixtures leak, doors are defective and smoke detectors don't work, she said.

# I was just a pawn in a chess game: North

## Reagan and aides deeply involved

WASHINGTON, April 8. (Agencies): Former President Ronald Reagan and his top aides were more deeply involved than previously disclosed in efforts to encourage other countries to aid Nicaragua's Contra rebels, new trial evidence shows.

A statement of facts introduced in Oliver North's trial on Thursday — in a document agreed to by the government — indicated Reagan, former Secretary of State George Shultz and former Secretary of Defence Casper Weinberger played key roles in providing inducements for such aid.

The three-member Tower Commission, appointed by Reagan to investigate the Iran-Contra affair, said in its Feb 26, 1987, report that it had found "no evidence to suggest that the

## 3 arrested in Vienna Nurses or killers?

VIENNA, April 8. (AP): Three nurses were arrested yesterday under suspicion of having murdered at least 10 patients over the past year by giving them insulin overdoses, the Austria Press Agency reported.

The nurses, whose identity was not revealed, were employed at the Lainz Hospital in Vienna.

They were arrested after the alleged murders were discovered. APA reported. It said two of them, aged 27 and 30, had already made a first confession.

Vienna's police chief Guenter Boegl told Austrian Television that the three suspects might have murdered the patients, whose exact number he refused to give, out of "probably wrongly understood euthanasia, but other motives as well." He did not elaborate, but stated he did not rule out further arrests.



Exxon Capt. Joseph Hazelwood (right) listens as his attorney Thomas Russo addresses the court in Huppelge, New York, after Hazelwood surrendered to the Suffolk county district attorney. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Troops to assist clean-up in Alaska

### Exxon apologises again

VALDEZ, Alaska, April 8. (AP): Oil from the Exxon Valdez threatened a national park and oiled through barriers protecting fisheries as President George Bush yesterday ordered US armed forces to assist in the clean-up of Alaska's Prince William Sound.

With the nation's worst crude oil spill in its third week, Exxon made a second public apology and the tanker's captain made bail on charges that he was drunk when his ship went aground.

The March 24 spill of 10 million gallons (38 million litres) has killed thousands of seabirds and others in the snowy landscape on the central Alaskan coast. Fishermen have lost millions of dollars.

And despite cleanup efforts by industry, government and private citizens, the spill has spread to more than 2,600 square miles (6,735 square kilometres). "It's just immense," Jim Hayden, who is co-ordinating the clean-up for the state, said on Thursday. "I don't think a spill of this size is controllable."

Bush directed Defence Secretary Dick Cheney yesterday to "make available US military forces personnel and equipment to assist in the clean-up." The President also directed Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner to oversee the clean-up effort, but he said, "we are not federalising this operation."

This should not relieve Exxon from any of its responsibilities or liabilities," Bush said in the White House briefing room, accompanied by cabinet members and Alaska's congressional contingent.

He conceded the job of cleaning up the oil that has washed up along the Alaskan coast with devastating effect on wildlife "will be massive, prolonged and frustrating. Nothing we can do will resolve this problem in the short term."

Alaska Pipeline Service Co., the consortium of oil companies that owns and operates the 800-mile (1,300-kilometre) Trans-Alaska oil pipeline and the Valdez terminal, announced on Thursday that it would immediately begin requiring random drug and alcohol testing aboard all vessels using the terminal.

"The fact that there is no damage to the hull and nothing has spilled and that it is in soft mud — all these would seem to indicate that spillage would not be a problem," Reidy said.

## Tanker runs aground in Mississippi

NEW ORLEANS, April 8. (AP): An Exxon tanker carrying 13 million gallons (49.2 million litres) of petroleum products ran aground yesterday near the mouth of the Mississippi river, but the hull was not damaged and none of the cargo spilled, the Coast Guard said.

One tug was at the scene and three others were on the way to attempt to free the ship, an Exxon spokesman said. A barge was also on the way in case the cargo had to be unloaded.

"We've got investigators on the scene checking it out. The captain of the port has instructed Exxon to get containment booms ready," said Coast Guard chief Dan Dewell. He said the booms were only a precaution.

The cargo on the 617-foot (188-metre) Exxon Wilmington included 8 million gallons (30 million litres) of jet fuel. The ship took on its cargo at the Exxon refinery at Baton Rouge and was en route to New Jersey, said Exxon spokesman John Reidy.

"The fact that there is no damage to the hull and nothing has spilled and that it is in soft mud — all these would seem to indicate that spillage would not be a problem," Reidy said.



Nancy inspects drug paraphernalia inside a 'rock house.'

## Nancy Crack ... ing a rock house

### People on drugs have no life

LOS ANGELES, April 8. (AP): Former First Lady Nancy Reagan went with the Los Angeles chief of police Thursday night to a raid on a suspected cocaine 'rock house.'

"I was able to see them busting in," said Nancy. "I always see the other end, kids who are in rehabilitation."

"We gave her the opportunity to see what the dope trade is about," police chief Daryl Gates said. "She was right there when the SWAT team went in."

The raid took place in the city's beleaguered south central section, where gangs of youths wage war on each other, often using semi-automatic weapons.

More than 15 people were arrested and narcotics officers searched the house as Nancy watched. Earlier in the evening, police said she witnessed undercover officers making drugs purchases before the raid.

"It was very depressing," she said, remarking on the sparse furnishings in the house and the people she witnessed being arrested. "It's awful to see when you think that these people have no lives. It's very sad."

Gates said the house was called a "rock house" and a "smoke house" because drug users would use such a location for smoking cocaine in a crystalline form known as "crack."

### Protection against haemorrhaging strokes

# Good and bad of cholesterol

## Effective way of curing cancer

BOSTON, April 8. (UPI): Cholesterol appears to reduce the chance men will die from the most serious type of stroke while increasing the risk of death from the most common form of stroke, a major study has concluded.

The findings indicate that although cholesterol may protect against strokes caused by brain haemorrhages, that potential benefit is far outweighed by increased risk for heart attacks and strokes caused by blocked blood vessels, experts said.

"Our findings should not be taken as a reason to defer the establishment of programmes to lower (blood) cholesterol levels in the US population in order to prevent coronary heart disease,"

IRVINE, Calif., April 8. (Reuters): The use of neutron radiation in combination with conventional X-ray therapy is better than X-ray treatments alone in patients with prostate cancer, a Seattle cancer specialist has said.

"There is about a 30 per cent local control of the tumour with X-rays but a 70 per cent control of the local tumour when neutron treatment and X-rays are combined," Dr George Laramore of the University of Washington School of Medicine told an American Cancer Society seminar here.

The survival rate of the patients receiving the combination therapy was also better, he said, with 70 per cent surviving over five years compared to 55 per cent in the group receiving X-ray treatment alone.

Laramore said he treated 55 patients with the two forms of radiation and compared the results to those of 36 patients treated with X-ray therapy alone.

The researchers said in reporting their findings in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Previous studies in Japan indicated men with low cholesterol levels were at increased risk for haemorrhagic strokes, an often fatal type of stroke in which a blood vessel in the brain bursts.

The new study, the largest of its kind, is the first to examine the relationship between cholesterol levels and different types of strokes in American men.

The study involving 350,977 middle-aged US men found those with low blood cholesterol levels were nearly three times as likely as those with normal or high cholesterol levels to die from a haemorrhagic stroke.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Diouf message

KUWAIT, April 8, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir today received a message from Senegalese President Abdou Diouf. The message was delivered by Senegalese ambassador to Kuwait.

## Amiri audience

KUWAIT, April 8, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir today received His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

## Yemeni minister

KUWAIT, April 8, (KUNA): Deputy Premier and Energy Minister of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen Saleh Abu Bakr Bin Hussain will arrive here tomorrow on an official visit to Kuwait.

Bin Hussain will hold talks with Kuwait Oil Minister Ali Al Khalifa Al Athbi and officials of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC).

## KOTC gas project

KUWAIT, April 8, (KUNA): The Kuwait Oil Tankers Company (KOTC) has earmarked two million Kuwaiti dinars for launching a gas cylinder plant hoped to meet the country's domestic demand, KOTC board Chairman Abdulhadi Al Badr said in a statement today.

The idea of the project, now under close study, came into being in the wake of sharp fluctuations in global steel prices, according to Badr who emphasised that cylinders used in Kuwait have the best international safety standards.

The cylinders plant would be jointly undertaken by the KOTC and the Kuwait National Petroleum Corporation (KNPC), Badr said in his statement published in a local daily.

## Drug research

RIYADH, April 8, (QNA): A total of 29,310 persons were arrested in 15 Arab countries during 1986 for drug abuse according to a statistical research prepared by a student at the Arab Centre for Security Studies and Training, as part of his masters course in security science.

Major Abdullah Al Assaf, the director of the International Anti-narcotic Department at the Saudi General Anti-narcotic Administration strongly stressed the need for developing an Arab-international regional plan to combat drug abuse.

He also attached great importance to the introduction of severe punishment in the Unified Arab Law on drug abuse and the establishment of an Arab body for combating drugs, to operate under the Arab Council of Interior Ministers. He also called for a special Arab fund to finance all anti-drug efforts.

## Water desalination

DR Abdul Rahman Bin Abdul Aziz, the Saudi minister for water and agriculture said that Saudi Arabia is the largest producer of desalinated water.

He went on to say that the current maximum production power for desalination stations located at the Saudi eastern and western coasts is estimated at more than 503 million gallons daily. Additionally, the same stations generate 3,400 megawatts of electricity daily.

The minister who is also the board chairman of the Saudi general establishment for salt water desalination said that existing desalination facilities are able to cover requirements of most of the big cities and towns in the kingdom. The establishment also provides ground water for agricultural purposes, Abdul Aziz said.

## Fodder conference

THE first Arab conference for the manufacture of fodder is to be held next October in Libya.

The Arab Food Industries Union of Libya will organise the conference and will also hold an exhibition to coincide with the function. The conference will view economical and technical aspects related to the importance of manufacturing fodder in the Arab world and will discuss subjects related to Arab resources.

## Engine failure foils smuggling

## By Salem Al Wawan

AN ATTEMPT by three men to smuggle liquor across one of Kuwait's borders was foiled due to an inopportune mechanical failure of their car, according to well-informed sources.

One of the smugglers, dressed as a woman, then stood by the roadside to hitch a lift. When a Mercedes pulled over to pick him up, the man's two accomplices rushed out of hiding to attack the driver, first beating him and then tying him up with his gutra.

The victim later reported the incident to Abdali police, whereupon it was discovered the smugglers had fled the country in the stolen Mercedes.

## Test-tube babies successfully delivered

800 women on the waiting list

KUWAIT has recently had a number of successful test-tube babies delivered and the rate of such conception techniques in Kuwait is high.

Dr Sadiqa Al Awadi, head of the Genetic Diseases Centre, speaking to a local daily said that the centre had introduced the artificial insemination concep-

tion technique. This is a pioneering technique which enables conception when all approaches to natural insemination have failed, she added.

Awadi went on to state that the centre is making steady progress with the development of the test-tube and artificial insemination technique and the success rate of

the latter technique is 40 per cent compared to 37 per cent in the former.

## Waiting list

Briefly explaining, she said that if impregnation through the test-tube technique was unsuccessful the first time, the attempt would be repeated three times.

Further repetition would have to be undertaken under the orders of a special committee of doctors. There are about 800 women waiting their turn to try the test-tube technique, she said.

Commenting on charges for such services, Awadi said that a plan is being studied to charge a

registration fee. This fee, in the future, will range between KD500 to KD1,000, irrespective whether the operation is a success or failure.

The fee under consideration by a panel of concerned authorities will be endorsed after the performance of 100 successful impregnations, Awadi said.

## A good time to diet

CITIZENS and expatriates in Kuwait who observe the fast during the Holy Month of Ramadan are advised to follow a nutrition system to facilitate the digestive system to adapt to the sudden changes during this period.

Dr Fawziya Al Awadi, Director of Nutrition Department at Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health was quoted as saying that the Holy Month of Ramadan is an ideal opportunity to enable the human being to get accus-

tomed to a good diet system. She clarified that the new eating schedule during the holy month positively contributes towards ridding oneself of obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure.

Continuing, Awadi confirmed the importance of partaking of the Sahour meal to avoid any fatigue, sudden collapse or headaches during the day. Moderate intakes of sweets, protein and salts were also advocated by the official.

## Negligent doctor to be prosecuted

Naqib warns medical staff

A LOCAL daily has recently published the case of a physician whose alleged negligence was attributed as the cause of death of a patient admitted to Jahra hospital.

The allegations into the physician's error have been recognised and the case has been referred to the Office of the Public Prosecutor, according to a senior ministry official.

Dr Naef Al Naqib, while acknowledging that the allegations warranted looking into, he criticised some local dailies as not being very objective in reporting such incidents.

He urged all dailies to conduct a thorough investigation into such cases and ascertain all facts through reliable officials before going into print.

**Hardship**  
Negative reporting or misrepresenting the facts of such medical cases causes undue hardship to physicians, nurses and medical staff, and also negatively contributes to the absence of confidence in the community towards health services, Naqib said.

Any physician found negligent in his duties, or for that matter any medical staff found derelict in their duties, will be legally prosecuted, he added.

Speaking on the medical services of the private sector, Naqib criticised the services offered by most private clinics and added that most had unfortunately become means of business purely oriented towards making profits.

The ministry is striving to co-operate with the private sector in the field of providing private

medical treatment, he said. However, ministry officials have become convinced that the private sector does not have the expertise or the capabilities required for treating serious cases, Naqib said.

Speaking on the decision permitting some doctors from the ministry to work at their own clinics after their official working hours, Naqib said that he still had his reservations on this issue.

He said that there is justifiable argument to question the "conflict of interest" angle in this respect. Several senior officials have questioned whether doctors working after-hours at their private clinics would not tend to devote themselves primarily to the interests of their own clinics, thereby neglecting their responsibilities towards their ministerial professions.

**Policies**  
Fielding a question on administrative development policies, the official affirmed that there are no problems with senior administrative personnel at the ministry.

Denying that one assistant undersecretary at the ministry had submitted his resignation and others feared that there might be redundancies, Naqib said that on the contrary some ministry officials will be promoted.

Speaking on medical charges to be levied, Naqib had previously commented that the Ministry of Public Health will begin charging nominal fees for medical services due to the increase in cost and with a view to curb misuse.



Policemen honoured

Interior Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for Police Affairs, Brig. Mohammad Al Qabandi decorated a number of officers and policemen from the ministry's operations department. The medals were granted by HH the Amir. The medals included gold, silver and bronze. Al Qabandi is pictured here with the honoured policemen.

## Municipality to invite tenders

DIRECTOR of the Kuwait Municipality planning department Mosa Al Sarraf has revealed the municipality's intention to invite tenders for the execution of the traffic lights central control project within the coming few months.

Sarraf told a local daily that the project would provide numerous services, the first and foremost of which was the ability to control traffic flow during the passage of official motorcades whether that of HH the Amir or of VIP visitors to Kuwait, as well as in case of emergency, such as to allow free passage to fire-engines or ambulances.

He said that the project specifications had been reviewed by a special committee in 1987. Sarraf said that the mun-

icipality will study the capabilities of all local companies accurately to see which companies could carry out the project. He said that the delay in executing the project was due to the need to incorporate certain other studies and services.

The project was auctioned in public in 1982 for the first time, but was withdrawn after receiving offers from several companies because of the huge differences in the values of offers and in the technical specifications, Sarraf said. He added that it was offered again in 1984, but was later withdrawn for the same reason. He said that the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) study last year established the required technical specifications for the project.

Sarraf said that although the execution of the project faces a number of obstacles at present, the municipality is determined to implement it. He added that the opinion of the municipality is not to limit the project to controlling the traffic lights, but to link it with some other services. He said that besides linking the computerised project with the Amir's motorcade and other emergency services like fire brigades and ambulances, the project will provide services such as guiding drivers from full parking lots or jammed streets.

Regarding the new campus site for Kuwait University, Sarraf said that after lot of deliberations, Shadadiya (near Jleeb Al Shuyoukh) had been chosen. But he added that after

serious studies and planning for the construction of the city of Subiya at the initiative of HH the Amir, there is a serious thinking to construct the new university campus there. He added that a special committee had been set up to study the issue on whether to have the new university site in Shadadiya or Subiya. He said that the higher authorities will decide on this.

Sarraf also said that the municipality is seriously looking into renovating the historical buildings in Kuwait. He added that the municipality is planning to issue a decision shortly to ban the demolishing of any old building before receiving permission from the municipality. He said that the decision would include old mosques, diwanis and other structures.

## BAHRAIN DIGEST

## MECC meets in Nicosia

A NUMBER of prominent Christian communicators from the Middle East met recently in Nicosia, Cyprus, to consider problems and opportunities in connection with their work in the region, where Christians are a minority and often isolated from colleagues in other countries or denominations.

Roy Kietzman, a Bahrain-based public relations executive who represented the Gulf during the four-day conference, told the Arab Times that the main objective of the meeting was to exchange views and ideas regarding conditions of the Christian community living and working in the region.

"Although the meeting was organised to focus on Christians in the area, it was also aimed at promoting ecumenism and secularism including the Muslims," said Kietzman.

**Peace and justice**  
The meeting was arranged by the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) for broadcasters, print journalists, book publishers, people in documentation and information work and those involved in film and audio-visual production. A primary focus of the sessions was on the role of communication in creating peace and justice within situations of conflict and division in the region.

Kietzman further added that the gathering was intended to reflect what the MECC described as "the pluralistic environment within which Christian communication must witness in the contemporary Middle East."

Participants, who also included Muslims and secular communicators, represented Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Jerusalem and the Israeli-occupied West Bank. They also reflected the four MECC church families: Catholic, Eastern and Oriental Orthodox and Protestant (Reformed, Lutheran, Anglican).

## Teeth protection for children

A MAJOR programme was launched in Bahrain last week by the Ministries of Health and Education to prevent tooth decay in children.

Dr Ibtisam Al Dallal, head of dental and oral health at the Ministry of Health, said all seven-year-old children in government primary schools would get a "fissure sealant" applied to their permanent teeth.

She said the measure will enable protection of the surface of the teeth for about two years with the application of resin material. She added the objective of the programme will be to cover about 4,000 children by the end of this academic year, and 9,000 children by next year. More dental hygienists are expected to join the programme during this period.

**Level**  
The programme will be available to children in Muharraq, Al Haora, Jidhafa and Isa Town.

According to Dr Dallal, the level of tooth decay has increased by 30 per cent among 12-year-old children over the last five years.

She said children will be given lessons in brushing their teeth properly. The programme will cover children attending grades one to six and will be monitored by trained teachers and dental hygienists.

The head of dental and oral health stated that about 160 teachers from primary schools attended 24 workshops organised recently by the Ministry of Health.

## Central Bank report shows 19.4 pc rise in revenues

KUWAIT, April 8, (KUNA): Public revenues during the second quarter (October-December 1988) of the fiscal year 1988/89, totalled KD 550.5 million against KD 461.1 million in the first quarter (July-September 1988) recording an increase of 19.4 per cent.

This increase resulted from a rise in oil revenues (from KD406.6 million to KD 424.6 million) and in other revenues (from KD54.5 million to KD125.9 million), according to a central bank report here today.

The report, reviewing economic performance, said public expenditure during the second quarter of the 1988/89 fiscal year increased slightly by KD2.5 million (0.4 per cent) over the previous quarter totalling KD618.1 million.

## Expenditure

The components of public expenditure varied in their values as the total of capital, development and other expenditure increased by KD36.4 million, while the total value of current expenditure and land purchases decreased by KD 33.9 million, it indicated.

During the first half of the fiscal year 1988/89, public revenues totalled KD1011.8 million (49.3 per cent of the total general budget estimates) against KD 1437.2 million for the corresponding half in the previous year.

On the other hand, public expenditure totalled KD1233.5 million, recording an increase of 8.4 per cent over the first half of the previous fiscal year and accounting for 36.9 per cent of the general budget appropriations after amendment.

## Securities

During the last quarter of 1988, performance of the securities market (official market) was characterised by a tangible decline in the three major indicators (traded volume, number of transactions and value) below their levels in the previous quarter.

## New form introduced

## Mistaken identity problem resolved

THE problem of similarity in names of bonafide passengers at Kuwait International Airport with those banned from leaving Kuwait has been resolved.

Bader Al Houti, deputy director of the Enforcement Department at Kuwait's Ministry of Justice, in an interview with a local daily, said that the problem had been addressed through the co-operation of his department with other authorities, particularly departments of the Ministry of Interior.

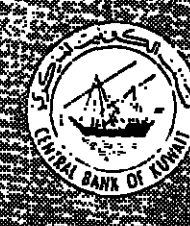
Explaining, the official said that the authorities had compiled a new form which is to be filled in by all those who are banned from travelling. The form includes comprehensive data of such banned

individuals, including age, nationality, address of work and residence, and four names.

The enforcement department had co-ordinated its efforts with companies and establishments involved in actions filed against debtors banning them from travelling until their debts were settled, Houti said.

He added that last year a total of 8,137 persons of different nationalities were banned from travelling. Further the department had enforced 8,274 judgements last year.

Sentencing the debtor to jail is a measure adopted by the Kuwaiti Civil Judicial Procedures Law which is aimed at protecting the rights of creditors, Houti said.



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Wounded by shrapnel

Lebanese women hold their children slightly wounded by shrapnel at a hospital in East Beirut. Savage shelling shattered brief ceasefire that halted 23 days of artillery duels between Christian Lebanese Army troops and Syrian gunners. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Iraq displays own missiles

Spring festival held in Mosul

MOSUL, Iraq, April 8, (Reuters): Iraq, hailing its Gulf war victories against Iran, put domestically-produced missiles on show yesterday, at a festival in the northern city of Mosul.

The ground-to-ground missiles, with a range of 650-850 km (400-530 miles), were similar to those used to bombard Tehran before a UN-brokered ceasefire last August ended eight years of fighting.

"The festival this year takes place after Iraqi victories against Iran, the end of the Gulf war and the opening of the doors of reconstruction and democracy in the country," said Izzat Ibrahim, vice-chairman of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council (RCC).

A Parliament elected on April 1 is due to ratify a new constitution opening the way for more political parties and greater press freedom.

In addition to the missiles, named Al Hussein and Al Abbas, the Military Industries Ministry also displayed a tank said to have been manufactured completely in Iraq.

The spring festival marks the 42nd anniversary of the founding of the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party. An estimated 100,000 people sang, danced and chanted slogans against Israel and Iran and in praise of President Saddam Hussein.

It also included a dramatisation of the Palestinian uprising in the Israel-occupied territories. An Israeli soldier was depicted breaking a youth's arm and children were portrayed stoning troops.

The event was staged at the capital of the ancient kingdom of Ashur of Nineve, dating back to 2,500 BC.

## UK concerned

### Criticism over jets rejected by Libya

NICOSIA, April 8, (Agencies): Libya has rejected foreign criticism over its purchase of Soviet bombers, saying colonialist forces were spreading lies.

A political commentary distributed by the official news agency JANA said that "Libya warns against any attempted aggression and will confront it with determination and resolute-ness. It also reserves its right to self-defence."

The agency did not comment explicitly on East-West arguments over the past few days whether Libya has acquired bombers that could attack Israel.

The Soviet Union says it sent kits to build six bombers with a top range of 300 miles (500 km). The United States says Libya is getting up to 15 SU-24Ds jets which, even without mid-air refuelling, could reach Israel 700 miles (1,100 km) away.

Yesterday's JANA commentary said a campaign of lies was being mounted on the "pretext" that Libya had acquired sophisticated weapons.

It said Libya was eager for peace but "will not give in to threats any power."

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said yesterday she challenged Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev on the sale of Soviet bombers to Libya.

"For very obvious reasons we are against supplying attack arms to states that have practised terrorism and supported terrorism, and it does concern us," she said in reply to a question after Gorbachev's departure at the end of his 40-hour visit.

Asked at a news conference in London whether she thought the report was leaked to sour Gorbachev's visit to Britain, Thatcher said: "No, I don't think so. Obviously we're concerned about the provision of attack aircraft to Libya, particularly when we know that she's also building a chemical weapons plant."

She added that Britain was always concerned about such sales, adding: "Of course we raised it (with Gorbachev) and I think we were right to raise it."

Gorbachev reportedly did not respond when Thatcher raised the issue during talks Thursday.

## Turkish pullout from Cyprus on UN agenda

UNITED NATIONS, April 8, (AP): Cypriot President George Vassiliou said yesterday that UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has pledged to work to persuade Turkish troops to withdraw from the old walled city of Nicosia.

His comments came as he confirmed that the divided Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities on Cyprus have agreed to a UN plan to withdraw their soldiers from three tense observation points on the Green Line in Nicosia.

That agreement in principle marks the first time the Cypriot government and the administration of the breakaway Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus have ever agreed to a joint military withdrawal.

Cyprus National Guard troops on the Greek side of the demarcation line are only 10 yards from Turkish Cypriot troops at some points in Nicosia.

In 1988, a Turkish Cypriot and a Greek Cypriot were killed in separate sniping attacks.

Vassiliou said in an interview that he hopes the Green Line withdrawal will serve as a model for a series of troop pull backs.

"We are in favour not only of decontamination, but of complete demilitarisation of the island," he said. "We have an understanding from the secretary-general that efforts will now be undertaken for the demilitarisation of the old city of Nicosia, as a first step."

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

**Civilians to be freed**  
Nicosia, April 8, (Reuters): Syria has decided to free all detainees arrested recently under emergency regulations, the official SUNA news agency said yesterday.

The new government of Sadeq Al Mahdi will also release people arrested for illegal trading in hard currency, the agency said in a report monitored by British Broadcasting Corporation.

The SUNA report, quoting Al Khartoum newspaper, did not say how many people would be freed or say what offences were covered by the emergency regulations.

**Prisoners ordered released**  
NICOSIA, April 8, (AP): Two United Arab Emirates rulers yesterday ordered the release of 300 Arab and foreign prisoners to mark the start of the Ramadan holy month, the Kuwait News Agency reported.

The agency said that UAE ruler Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan issued an order to free 150 prisoners.

It said that Sheikh Hamid Bin Rashid Al Nosimi, the ruler of Ajman, one of the seven emirates, ordered the release of another 150 prisoners.

The agency did not say how many foreigners were included among those freed.

**Israeli official in Kenya talks**  
OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 8, (Reuters): The director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry Reuven Merhav is in Nairobi for talks with Kenyan officials on bilateral co-operation, a ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Merhav will meet President Daniel arap Moi and other officials to prepare a co-operation protocol, the spokesman said.

Kenya and Israel renewed diplomatic relations in December.

**Iran raises allowance**  
NICOSIA, April 8, (Reuters): Iran has raised by a quarter the monthly allowance paid to relatives of people killed in the Gulf war and the Islamic revolution, the Iranian news agency IRNA said yesterday.

It said the raise was announced by Mehdi Karrubi, head of the Martyr Foundation, who said the increase would be higher for those living in hot southern provinces.

**PLO mission may be upgraded**  
WARSAW, April 8, (Reuters): Poland is ready to upgrade the PLO's diplomatic mission to an embassy during next week's visit by PLO leader Yasser Arafat, a Foreign Ministry official said yesterday.

"If the Palestinian side comes up with such a proposal, it will be accepted by the Polish authorities," the official said.

An official of the PLO mission said: "We think a Palestinian state embassy will be introduced."

## Jewish radicals vow to defend settlers

WASHINGTON, April 8, (AP): A group of Jewish radicals announced yesterday it would send its members to the occupied West Bank to defend Israeli settlers if Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir orders the pullout of his troops from the territories.

The Jewish Defence League said it had been getting calls from settlers concerned that Shamir, under US pressure, would agree to pull Israeli troops out of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Shamir is reportedly considering pulling troops

out of densely populated Palestinian areas to ease the tensions that have fuelled a 15-month Palestinian rebellion that has resulted in more than 400 Arab deaths.

An estimated 70,000 Jews, many of them of American origin, live in small settlements among the 1.7 million Palestinian inhabitants of the territories. Israeli troops are charged with protecting the settlers, although most of them also have their own weapons and some have conducted vigilante activity against Palestinians.

## Iranian envoy leaves Turkey

ANKARA, April 8, (AP): Iran's ambassador to Turkey flew home yesterday for consultations after the Turkish government decided to recall its envoy in Tehran for a similar reason.

Turkey said on Monday it was calling its ambassador home for consultations to protest Iran's interference in Turkey's internal affairs.

Iranian Ambassador Monouchehr Mottaki, accompanied by his family, left Turkey with a large cargo of suitcases and trunks.

Turkish newspapers, citing diplomatic sources, reported that Mottaki's term in this country would expire in two months and "the most likely would not return to Ankara."

Inal Batu, Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman, has denounced the Iranian press for its coverage of the incident.

# Kabul raps US envoy to rebels

## UN running out of food for Afghans

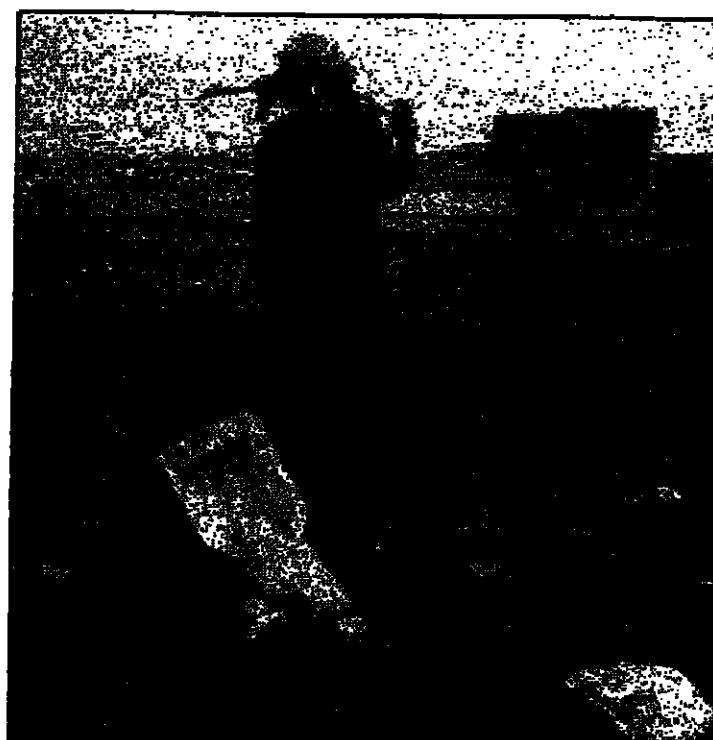
KABUL, April 8, (Agencies): President Najib's government has denounced US plans to name a special representative to the Afghan guerrillas.

"The decision of the US administration in not only an intervention in the internal affairs of Afghanistan, but it is also a provocative action that is assisting the extremists," a statement issued by the Foreign Ministry said.

Sources in Washington said President George Bush's administration is designating Peter Tomson, currently the No. 2 diplomat at the US embassy in Beijing, as a special envoy to the Pakistan-based mujahedeen guerrillas.

The mujahedeen, have been trying for the last decade to oust the Soviet-style party that took power by coup and assassination in 1978.

On Feb 23, the rebels selected an interim government they hope will replace Najib and his People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan.



A young Afghan mujahedeen guerrilla calmly surveys an unexploded bomb dropped by government warplanes on Wednesday, a few km north of the besieged city of Jalalabad. (Reuter wirephoto)

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amami, reading the government denunciation to foreign reporters, accused the United States of violating the 1988 Geneva accord that paved the way for the Soviet Union's withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan and ended nine years of Moscow's combat support for successive authoritarian governments in Kabul.

Under the UN-sponsored accord, Afghanistan and Pakistan agreed not to intervene in each other's internal affairs. The United States and the Soviet Union signed the accord as guarantors.

By designating a special envoy to the mujahedeen, the United States "has tried to give an impetus to the fading, declining existence of the so-called interim government," Amami said.

"It would be better for the United States, if the United States is truly, faithfully demand-

ing peace, to pressure Pakistan to stop intervention in the internal affairs of Afghanistan," he said.

Kabul has accused Pakistan of massing as many as 8,000 of its soldiers and militiamen to participate in the Afghan civil war.

The government spokesman acknowledged that Kabul was still receiving weapons from the Soviet Union. But he said that should not be compared to US support for the mujahedeen.

An operation to feed the needy in war-ravaged Afghanistan, where most people live on the breadline, is fast running out of food, UN officials said.

Diplomats blamed delays in rushing food to Kabul mostly on the rival attitudes of the superpowers towards the pro-Soviet Afghan government.

Leon de Riedmatten, head of Operation Salam, the UN project responsible for distributing food in Afghanistan, said in an interview the aid would last only until the end of April.

"There is not enough food in stock belonging to the United Nations. With present stocks we can continue helping the needy until the end of April," he said.

The United Nations has distributed on average five tonnes of flour and 1.5 tonnes of sugar per day in Kabul since the beginning of March, providing food for 12,000 of the poorest families in the capital.

"We cannot feed everybody. There are hundreds of thousands of families which need help," he said.

## Gulf talks in Geneva, April 20, says Iran

UNITED NATIONS, April 8, (Reuters): Gulf peace talks between the foreign ministers of Iran and Iraq will resume in Geneva on April 20, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Hossein Lavasani said yesterday.

"It is going to take place on the 20th of this month, in Geneva," he said. "The secretary-general will announce when it is finalised." UN, however, said no date or place had yet been fixed.

Lavasani was speaking to reporters after two meetings in as many days with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and prolonged sessions with the UN chief's special representative for the Gulf, Jan Eliasson of Sweden, to prepare for the ministerial talks.

Eliasson held parallel meetings with an Iraqi delegation here last week.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and his Iraqi counterpart, Tariq Aziz, held two rounds of direct negotiations in Geneva last year aimed at turning the Gulf war ceasefire declared last August into a permanent settlement.

They made little progress but agreed in February to resume their negotiations at an undisclosed location in New York during the latter part of March.

The negotiations were delayed, however, while UN officials held two rounds of preparatory talks with each side over the past five weeks, concluding with yesterday's session.

Lavasani told reporters he had stressed the importance of Iraq's withdrawal from Iranian territory it still occupies before dealing with other elements of the Security Council's ceasefire resolution.

Iraq has been focusing on the clearing of the disputed Shatt Al Arab waterway, which forms the southern boundary between the two countries, as well as freedom of navigation in the Gulf and the release of more than 100,000 prisoners held by the two sides.

**Body found near sunken ship**  
DUBAI, April 8, (Reuters): The Maltese freighter Rahim III, sunk a week ago in the Gulf, was apparently overwhelmed by high seas and went down so fast that all 20 crewmen were trapped below decks.

Drivers have found the body of a seaman floating near the wreck of the 5,800 ton ship, a spokesman for the operators, United Ship Management, said today.

The body had apparently drifted out of the engine room and there was no sign of the rest of the crew, who were from India or Pakistan, he said.

The spokesman said the ship, bound for Bombay with a cargo of scrap metal, seemed to have gone down on March 31, a day when winds were high, and sunk so quickly that the crew had no time to escape.

## Israel to negotiate with ...

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progress toward peace. Opinion polls in Israel and the United States show a majority of citizens favour Israeli-PLO talks ultimately.

In the Congo, Arafat yesterday rejected Shamir's proposal, saying it "was as usual inappropriate."

"Every oppressor in the world says the same thing," the PLO leader told a meeting of Congo's Marxist Party in the capital Brazzaville.

Arafat reiterated his demand for an international peace conference on the Middle East, with the participation of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council and all concerned parties, including the PLO.

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## Egyptian police officer hurt in clash with extremists

CAIRO, April 8, (AP): Muslim extremists using firearms and stones clashed with police in a southern city, wounding a police officer, two Cairo newspapers reported today.

The state-owned Al-Ahram and Al-Gomhuria said police detained 35 militants after the riot yesterday at Fayoum, 65 miles (105 km) southeast of Cairo.

Al-Ahram said the detainees included Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, a blind preacher from Fayoum and former university professor. He was tried twice and acquitted

each time on charges related to the 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat by Muslim extremists.

Telephone calls to the Interior Ministry, which is responsible for internal security, were not answered.

The newspapers said the clash followed Friday noon prayers on the first day of Ramadan, Islam's holy month of daytime fasting.

They said Abdel-Rahman, spiritual leader of a fundamentalist group called jihad that

was blamed for Sadat's slaying, led prayers at a mosque and urged worshippers to demonstrate against the government.

After the serving, on leaving the mosque an unspecified number of Abdel-Rahman's followers demonstrated, chanting anti-government slogans.

The newspaper said the demonstrators opened fire with pistols and threw stones at police. They said a police officer, identified by Al-Gomhuria as Col Mohammed Saif-Allah, sustained a bullet wound.

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OPINION

Lebanese want united Lebanon

UNLESS the Lebanese people are left alone to decide for themselves their own course of actions, the present situation will remain unchanged, or could worsen.

The Lebanese crisis is intensifying and for the first time covers the entire region of Lebanon — there is no more West or East Lebanon.

The fighting has affected all. This means that the entire Lebanese population is facing the crisis in order to decide what is exactly to be the best course of action.

Perhaps what is needed most at this critical juncture is to leave the Lebanese alone instead of making them fight each other for the sake of foreign forces.

It is in the interest of the Arab world that Lebanon be given the opportunity for its people to decide their own future. If this does not materialise, we could well be facing another Afghanistan, or having another new revolution of stones — just like the one taking place right now in the occupied territories.

When the people spontaneously decide to revolt, it is very difficult to stop such revolutions. This is exactly what happened in Afghanistan. Although the Afghan people paid a heavy price, they succeeded in driving the Russians out of their country.

People in the occupied territories used stones and rocks and continue to do so as they do not possess arms. Lebanon is a mountainous country and is filled with rocks and stones.

It is said that Beirut has been destroyed several times in its history and the Lebanese are already talking about the city being destroyed once again.

The Lebanese people have decided to solve their problems by themselves raising the banner that if things do not become too complicated, they will be solved.

What is important is that Lebanon gets independence and its people enjoy self-determination and that its old harmony is returned to it. This harmony has been spoilt by those who thought that people playing political games can always succeed.

The size of Lebanon does not suit the dictates of what has been going on. Let us allow the Lebanese to speak freely and we will find that all of them want an independent united Lebanon and keep it away from foreign intervention.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Sudan haunted

Nimeiri's legacy

By Alfred Taban

KHARTOUM, (Reuters): Four years after dictator Jaafar Nimeiri was deposed, the future of Sudan's democracy and its hopes of preventing mass starvation and total economic collapse hinge on ending its civil war — its most contentious legacy.

After 16 years in power, Nimeiri was overthrown on April 6, 1985, by the military who stepped down a year later after the first free polls in nearly two decades were held.

Four years on, Prime Minister Sadeq Al-Mahdi's fifth coalition, sworn in 11 days ago under pressure from Army chiefs demanding an end to the war, says peace is its top priority.

Khartoum-based Western and Arab diplomats warn however, that the failure of current efforts to end the war, whose start is widely blamed on Nimeiri, is likely to cause the fighting to rage on for years and lead to political upheavals.

"Mahdi has put everything on the line," said one diplomat. "If he fails to end the war, the government will have to go and he will be it."

Effective

The Militant National Islamic Front (NIF) opposition party posed the most serious threat to the peace process, the diplomats said. Its control of Khartoum's business community could serve as its most effective weapon against the coalition.

The NIF, whose 50 parliamentary seats belie its political clout in northern Sudan, has vowed to bring down Mahdi's new coalition and to impose Islamic sharia laws with what it calls the power of the masses. "The stakes are high and the militants will throw everything they have into battle to sabotage the peace process," said one diplomat. "They have the resources to do it."

Sharia, anathema to the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), was first introduced by Nimeiri in 1983 but has been largely dormant since his overthrow.

Politicians in Khartoum blame Nimeiri for starting the war by dividing the South into three regions in violation of a 1972 peace pact giving it autonomous rule after 17 years of strife.

His imposition of sharia swelled rebel ranks when non-Muslim Southerners were subjected to such Islamic punishments as amputation of limbs and floggings.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1553 — Francois Rabelais, French writer dies.
- 1609 — Spain signs nine-year truce with Holland.
- 1682 — La Salle, French explorer, reaches Gulf of Mexico after travelling down Mississippi River.
- 1691 — French forces capture Mons in Belgium.
- 1783 — Tippoo of Mysore forces British to surrender Bed-nore.
- 1865 — Confederate (southern) Gen. Robert E. Lee capitulates to union (northern) Gen. Ulysses S. Grant to end US civil war.
- 1928 — Islam is no longer recognised as state religion of Turkey.
- 1940 — German forces invade Norway and Denmark in World War II.
- 1942 — American-Filipino forces on Bataan surrender to Japanese.
- 1949 — United Nations International Court of Justice delivers its first decision, holding Albania responsible for incidents in Corfu Channel and awarding Britain damages.
- 1971 — Jordan's King Hussein accepts Syrian proposal to end two weeks of fighting with Palestinian commandos in Jordan.
- 1974 — India, Pakistan and Bangladesh sign agreement to repatriate 195 Pakistani prisoners of war.
- 1975 — House of Commons in London votes in favour of Britain's continued membership in European Common Market.
- 1978 — Loyal troops in Somalia crush attempted coup by Army officers.
- 1986 — West Berlin expels two Libyan diplomats and says it has "several indications" Libya is behind bombing of Berlin discotheque.
- 1988 — China's National Peoples Congress names Li Peng as premier.

INSIDE WASHINGTON

By Henry Brandon

Baker cautious on ME: Gorbachev firm



MIKHAIL GORBACHEV

WITH the visits of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak the Bush administration hoped to set its peace process into motion. King Hussein of Jordan, still a player in this diplomatic power play, will follow.

Secretary of State James Baker made it clear to the Israeli prime minister that however welcome his idea of elections in the West Bank and Gaza, it is not enough, that the warlike atmosphere, created by the Israeli occupation forces, must be moderated. He is a much more forceful personality than his predecessor George Shultz was. He aims at making sure that his first Middle Eastern diplomatic initiative does not peter out as so many earlier ones did.

He is a tough negotiator with an astute political mind, not guided by emotion or tradition, but by realpolitik. He knows that there are limits to which he can push the Israelis into concessions, but he is also aware that the American Jewish community is very unhappy about the killings by Israeli soldiers in the West Bank and that, as never before, there is a deep desire among them to see a peace settlement between Israel and the Palestinians. One of the principal problems is to find a way to bring about negotiations between the Palestinians and the Israelis that somehow finesse formal and official direct talks with the PLO. It is one of the key issues Baker explored with the Israeli prime minister.

Whether President Mubarak can play an intermediary role to accomplish this is one of the key issues for the Egyptian leader who has a major interest in helping the Americans with the peace process and to present himself as a central figure in bringing peace to the region.

Change

A significant change in the American government's assessment of Mikhail Gorbachev and his sweeping reforms has occurred. American Sovietologists are amazed at the speed with which he is pressing ahead in carrying out his reforms and with the political risks he is willing to take. He does not seem to be afraid of an opposition gangling up on him as Leonid Brezhnev and Mikhail Suslov once did on Khrushchev.

After the latest elections to the Supreme Soviet, for instance, whose outcome stunned the old party leaders, especially outside Moscow, he met with a group of newspaper editors and made it clear that he welcomed the changes. In Leningrad, for instance, the entire party leadership was thrown out of office and similar changes occurred in the Ukraine and elsewhere. Men who had thought that they were secure in their jobs for the most of their life are losing their jobs, their influence and are wondering what next.

But to Gorbachev these internal party upheavals mean that the old party guards are thrown out but the will of the people — not by him — and that younger, fresher, able people are taking over their jobs. To him this is progress. Does this mean that a powerful opposition is forming and that he could be overthrown? After all, the party backs, the government officials and the military who are losing their jobs, could possibly engineer a party revolt against him.

When I asked a Soviet professor recently whether, indeed, an opposition is forming in the Politburo against Gorbachev, he said that no such opposition, as the word is understood in the West, exists. He then added that there are men who disagree with some of his reforms, who would want to slow them down or make adjustments, but, he stressed, there is no one who wants to see him removed.

And it is this recognition that is also influencing American Sovietologists, as I pointed out earlier, in their assessment of the Soviet leader, who seems to be travelling abroad without fear that in his absence he might be overthrown. They not only believe that he is safe in his party and governmental saddle, but that even if he were thrown out of office, his policies would survive.

The new assessment is very important. It means that American policy-makers are beginning to think in longer terms about Soviet-American relations than they used to. It is the realisation which is also spreading in the Soviet Union that there is no alternative to the Gorbachev reforms and that it will not only take longer, but that it may get worse before it gets better.

Last week I was shown the latest equivalent to

ration coupons that are now being distributed in the Soviet Union. They impose severe limits on the consumption of meat and soap, to mention only the most obvious and the most unpopular ones. In Moscow the meagre rations, about two and half kilograms of meat and one big soap bar for use in the kitchen or two small ones for personal use per month apply to the citizenry of Moscow, people in the countryside, I am told, are supposed to make do with these rations for three months.

The best the Soviet economic experts can hope for is that the deterioration of the standard of living has reached rock-bottom and will soon reverse itself and get better. The worst enemy of the reform movement apparently is the slowness with which people in Russia change their habits. Normally, what makes people work harder are incentives, but with the economy in dire straits, it is hard to make incentives available.

President Bush takes the view, which is widely accepted here, that there is very little the United States can do to help the Soviet Union, that it is up to the Soviet government to make the Gorbachev reform effective. What he is thinking about primarily is how East-West relations can be improved. For a long time Soviet obstructiveness and hostility prevented such improvements.

But that situation is changing. Soviet diplomacy helped to advance Namibia's independence. It has played an important role in the negotiations that led to an agreement for the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola, and we may see a new initiative that would allow the Soviets to reduce their military aid to Cuba and Nicaragua.

In the Middle East the Soviet leader is now not only interested in gaining favours with Arab countries, but also in helping to promote a peace settlement between the Palestinians and Israel. What he has to offer to the Israelis is what they want very badly, more emigrants from the Soviet Union.

Support for Arab national aims is not the only reason why Moscow is siding so ostentatiously with Arab countries, it is also their own national security. That is why the Soviets welcome feelers from Saudi Arabia, which, after having had no diplomatic relations with the "godless" Soviet Union, is now much more willing to resume formal relations. Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, too, are willing to open up some sort of diplomatic links.

The Soviets are keen on broadening their diplomatic relations with Gulf countries because Saudi Arabia, for instance owns medium-range missiles with which it can hit Soviet territory. The Gulf countries certainly would not want to do so on

their own, but they could provide bases for other countries — that at least is one of the Soviet's fear.

Just as James Baker has been asking Gorbachev to stop supplying Cuba and Nicaragua with arms, so British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is eager to ask Gorbachev to use his influence with the African National Congress, the organisation whose aim it is to overthrow the South African government from its bases in Mozambique, to allow the South African government under F.W. de Klerk, who may well take President Botha's place, to find its own compromise solutions with its black population. One of the Soviet Union's deputy foreign ministers Anatoli Davishin only quite recently met with African National Congress leaders, most likely to tell them that Soviet financial support will be cut.

What will be the repercussion of these signs of moderation on the East-West confrontation in Europe? And how does the West, including the United States, maintain its power and security in the face of Soviet proposals for major troop and weapon cuts that could well enable Moscow to gradually exercise greater influence in Western Europe than the United States if it were to withdraw its forces across the Atlantic?

It presents the planners of the Bush administration with complicated problems to which there are no good solutions. President Bush wants to maintain American troops in Europe as long as it is politically possible. But he also realises that sooner or later some withdrawals will become inevitable. It is my understanding that for this reason he would like Western Europe to build up its own strength, in order to develop into the kind of pillar President John F. Kennedy once talked about.

It would mean that the Europeans would have to assume greater responsibility for developing their own policies, their own plans, their own weapons dispositions. They would have to get used to relying less on American expertise and manpower in their over-all planning. It would also mean a new approach to sharing responsibility for the defence of the West, a new balance in the disposition and stationing of the NATO forces.

Finally, it would also lead to a European military officer to become commander of the NATO forces, a position which ever since General Dwight D. Eisenhower became commander in chief of the NATO forces, has been held by an American.

It would be a kind of period of transition during which the Europeans learn how to take charge of their own military security with the Americans gradually reducing their contribution and their responsibilities. It will present the European governments with new problems of how to maintain unity without the Americans' firm leadership, of how to co-ordinate their own policies and their defence costs because, inevitably, they would have to fill some of the gaps that would develop when some American troops are withdrawn across the Atlantic.

Plans

Those plans are still very much on the drawing boards, but they are being discussed by American policy-makers and much will depend on the progress that will be made in the negotiations for the reduction of conventional troop levels. What interested the Soviets from the very start of the Bush administration was whether it could continue in the direction of arms control and arms reductions initiated by President Reagan. James Baker's answer to the question by Edward Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, was a clear yes, at least in principle. It satisfied the Soviets. They confessed great relief and both sides are entering into the START and conventional arms control negotiations with a good deal of hope that progress will be made. Gorbachev, of course, has it in his power to set the pace and offer proposals that the West may find hard to reject.

Nobody can predict how East-West relations will develop between now and the turn of the century. But it is not impossible that situation will develop when the United States and the Soviet Union will want to co-operate more actively in Third World countries to reduce the threat of terrorism or to prevent getting sucked into an incident that could lead to war. That would not mean that their rivalry in Europe would fade out, but it may turn to be less hostile, less fanatical based, more on realpolitik and the need to avoid war.

'Journalists in Turkey are free ... also free to go to jail'

By Aliza Marcus

ISTANBUL: Veli Yilmaz, a Turkish journalist sentenced to a 748-year prison term, is a stark reminder of the limits journalists face here.

A writer and editor for the Marxist publication, activities that were legal before the 1980 military coup, Yilmaz was convicted of having spread communist propaganda a year after the transition to democratic rule under Prime Minister Turgut Ozal in 1983.

"You cannot say the press in Turkey is free, and you will not be able to say it until journalists like Yilmaz are freed and changes are made in the penal code articles which are used against the press," says Mahmut Ongoren, an executive member of the Turkish Human Rights Association.

Despite the appearances of a lively press, the country boasts 10 national daily newspapers and scores of magazines on the right and left — journalists and editors say they often come under legal and not-so-legal pressure to censor what they write.

"Journalists in Turkey are free, but you are also free to go to jail. We can publish things, but then we must pay the price," says Dogu Perincek, editor of the left-leaning weekly 2000'e Dogru (Toward the Year 2000), against which 33 government-sponsored cases are pending.

In the past two months, 29 journalists

and writers have been charged with various offences stemming from their writings, ranging from a sociologist who published an article about the country's oppressed Kurdish minority to a lawyer who compiled a book from public court documents dealing with a political trial.

At least 23 journalists and editors arrested during the three-year military regime remain in prison, four of whom, including Yilmaz, have sentences exceeding 100 years. The recent spate of cases against the press is seen by human rights activists and journalists as an attempt by the government to intimidate a press that only in the past few years has begun to address such sensitive subjects as the Kurds, police torture, and other human rights abuses.

"Journalists are taking more chances, and the government doesn't want these types of ideas to appear," Ongoren says. The frequent charges against journalists have drawn harsh criticism from the International Press Institute, which in a recent letter to the Turkish government said: "Your country's press laws and laws that concern freedom of speech run counter to those of every other country in the European Economic Community, not to mention the other countries of Western Europe. We urge you to fundamentally change them without delay, according to the most basic principles of democracy."

Turkey continues to operate under the restrictive 1982 Constitution drawn up

by the military regime, which limits freedom of speech and the press, trade union activity, and political freedom.

The penal code makes it a crime to insult the government, President, or Army, harm Turkey's reputation here or abroad, and spread communist or separatist propaganda.

Lawyers say although the same penal code has been in effect for decades, interpretation of what constitutes an offence has become stricter — and prison sentences harsher — since the 1980 coup.

A cartoonist for a weekly news-magazine, Guneri Icoğlu, recently received a 10-month prison sentence for referring to Turks as "ignorant" and "barbaric" in a cartoon. Icoğlu served one month before being released under a limited amnesty.

Human rights officials believe international pressure is behind government promises to enact democratic reforms and change the penal code, but they say the gap between words and deeds remains wide.

For months, Justice Ministry officials say they were considering reducing penalties for various political offences, but a draft of penal code amendments submitted to the Parliament early in February did not include the expected reductions and added a clause that could further restrict press freedom, some lawyers said.

Government officials have said the clause, which would make it a crime to

publicise "actions which may lead to panic or 'showing certain people or institutions' as targets, is not directed at the press, but critics say the wording is vague enough to threaten news reporting."

Press coverage of government corruption, alleged torture, and threats by terrorists all could fall under the clause, says Hulya Vural, a lawyer who specialises in human rights cases.

"It's very abstract law that could be applied in any direction. This legal arrangement makes writing news stories impossible," says Nezih Demirkent, chairman of the Istanbul Journalists Association and publisher of a daily business newspaper.

The draft amendments are not expected to be discussed by Parliament for several months. If they come to a vote, they could easily be passed by Ozal's Motherland Party, which controls a majority of seats in the Parliament, lawyers say.

"We can't speak of press freedom in Turkey. There are some people here who are just afraid of ideas. It's always one step forward, one step backward," says Demirkent.

When Turkish journalists covered recent allegations by villagers from Yesilyurt, in the southeast, who said security troops tortured them in an attempt to extract information about Kurdish separatists operating in the region, they were later accused by the

interior minister of supporting terrorists' aims by reporting the story.

Nevertheless, journalists say their situation is much better than eight years ago, when an estimated 100 publications — including three daily newspapers — were shut down and an untold number of journalists and editors were detained.

The ending of the military regime brought a certain loosening of restrictions, but beyond that, some say the government's bid for membership in the European Economic Community made democratic concessions a must, while others say publicly by international organisations has made it impossible for the government to punish journalists for reporting cases of torture and government misconduct.

"We have more freedom now because by fighting and facing the oppression we are earning it, not because the government gives it to us," says editor Perincek. But no loosening of press restrictions or changes in the penal code will help Yilmaz get released from prison.

"My punishment, and those against other journalists, did its job. It warned journalists what would happen to them if they stepped out of line. I must hope they don't listen to the warning, because that is the only way we can get real freedom," Yilmaz said in written response to questions submitted to him in writing.

(The Christian Science Monitor)

Taiwan softens Beijing policy for international recognition

By Andrew Browne

TAIPEI, (Reuters): Taiwan's decision to send officials to China for the first time since 1949 takes Taipei's battle for international recognition to the home turf of its arch-enemy.

Finance Minister Shirley Kuo will lead a high-level Taiwan delegation to the annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Peking next month, the

government said.

The nationalist government was driven from China by the communists in 1949 and fled to Taiwan.

But the civil war is still being fought in the diplomatic arena and Peking is winning the battle to destroy Taipei's international identity. Only 23 countries now formally recognise the island.

A Taipei Foreign Ministry statement said the island had not

abandoned its policy of no official contact with Beijing and nationalist officials would shun their communist counterparts at the three-day meeting starting on May 4.

The decision to send officials was widely hailed as a bold move that would help Taiwan break out of its diplomatic isolation and assert political muscle in Asian nations where it has already established an economic

powerbase.

"It is a breakthrough in our flexible diplomacy," Liu Tai-Yang, head of the Taiwan Institute of Economic Research was quoted as saying by local newspapers.

"We can strengthen ties with Southeast Asia through the ADB," opposition politician Chu Kao-Cheng told reporters.

Taiwan officials have been banned from visiting China even

through residents are now allowed to travel to the country for family reunions.

Next month's delegation will include a senior government economic planner, a top Foreign Ministry official and one of the island's leading businessmen.

Taipei's flexible diplomacy means that where it once had an embassy it is now happy to open a trade office, using the new power of the Taiwan dollar to

establish a national presence.

Taiwan has foreign exchange reserves of \$76 billion, the second largest in the world after those of Japan, and is one of the biggest investors in the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia.

The island's businessmen are even pumping money into China and have become major investors in the country's coastal special economic zones.

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Kuwait trade volume surges

## Market regains strength

THE Alshall Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 38.76 points with an increase of 1.34 point — 3.38 per cent — over last week's average. The Alshall Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 69.05 points with a decrease of 1.69 point — 2.39 per cent — for the same period, according to Alshall Economic Consultants' weekly report.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 39.22 million shares at a daily average of 7.84 million shares with an increase of 136 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 3.32 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 8.18 million shares at a daily average of 1.64 million shares with an increase of 59 per cent over last week's daily average of 1.03 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD14.73 million at a daily average of KD2.945 million, an increase of 183 per cent over last week's daily average of KD1.040 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.253 million at a daily average of KD0.51 million, a decrease of 32 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.75 million.

The market regained strength which was reflected on both Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti markets but was more pronounced on the Kuwaiti shares market.

The reason behind this increase in activity is the formation of a group of committees to evaluate certain economic issues concerning the Stock Exchange Market, the Real Estate Market and the difficult debt settlement programme.

It is feasible to discuss and evaluate new laws, however, "we believe that the solutions should not be proposed before identifying the problem and setting out goals and objectives that have to be reached. This applies to the local shares market as the actual performance, if properly evaluated, could be better than the time of the so called boom. We also believe that the solution to the problem is more costly than the problem itself and would only lead to temporary increase in activity. Nothing new happened this week concerning dividend distributions in the Kuwaiti Shares Market and in the non-Kuwaiti market only one company distributed five per cent cash dividends leading to a total of 37 per cent of total listed companies."

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector had the lead at 81.5 per cent of total trading against 59 per cent last week. Burgan Bank led at 25 per cent, followed by the Commercial Bank at 24.6 per cent and the National Bank of Kuwait at 17 per cent.

The services sector came second at 12 per cent, of which Public Warehousing led at 52 per cent, followed by Mobile Telephone Systems at 33 per cent and Kuwait Commercial Markets at 14 per cent.

The investment sector came third at five per cent, of which Kuwait Investment Projects had the lead at 42.6 per cent, followed by Commercial Facilities at 27 per cent and National Investments at 22 per cent.

For the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Umm Al Quain Cement Company had the lead at 81 per cent followed by Arabian General Investment (SHUAA) at seven per cent, Coast Investment and Development Company at six per cent.

### Kuwait shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 05/03/89	Wednesday Change 29/03/89 points
Banking Sector	108.91	106.62
The National Bank	33.69	31.07
The Gulf Bank		2.62

The Commercial Bank	24.15	23.52	0.63
Al Ahli Bank	32.29	27.87	4.42
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	32.84	27.63	5.22
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	30.00	27.43	2.57
Burgan Bank	27.75	26.26	1.49
Kuwait Finance House	75.80	70.03	5.77
Sector Index	48.68	43.92	2.76

Investment Sector	25.71	25.71	—
Kuwait Investment Co.	13.40	17.87	-4.47
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	69.05	69.05	—
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	35.29	37.50	-2.21
IFA	120.00	118.75	1.25

Commercial Facilities	66.67	66.67	—
National Investments	87.64	86.52	1.12
Kuwait Investment Proj.	36.74	38.00	-1.26

Sector Index	36.48	36.48	—
Insurance Sector	27.69	27.69	—
Kuwait Insurance Co.	47.74	47.74	—
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	58.42	58.42	—
Warba Insurance Co.	37.18	37.18	—

Sector Index	16.82	17.59	-0.76
Real Estate Sector	6.03	6.03	—
Kuwait Real Estate	33.84	38.22	-4.38
United Realty	13.27	14.14	-0.87

National Real Estate	11.59	11.59	—
Sector Index	83.45	83.45	—
Industrial Sector	112.00	110.87	1.13

Kuwait Cement Co.	76.44	67.56	8.89
Refrigeration Indust.	30.51	29.96	0.54
Gulf Cables	162.00	166.32	-4.32

Kuwait Pharmaceutical	8.56	8.56	—
Sector Index	69.70	60.61	9.09
Services Sector	35.91	36.83	-0.92

Kuwait Computer Co.	27.43	27.43	—
Kuwait Cinema Co.	53.85	51.93	1.72
Public Warehousing	48.41	48.41	—

Kuwait Commercial Markets Co.	9.21	9.21	—
Mobile Telephone Syst.	83.61	83.61	—
Sector Index	70.61	70.11	—

Food Sector	42.46	42.46	—
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	38.76	37.42	1.34
United Fisheries			

Kuwait United Poultry			
Kuwait Food Co.			
Sector Index			

Overall Index			
Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index			
Wednesday 05/03/89	144.74	144.74	—

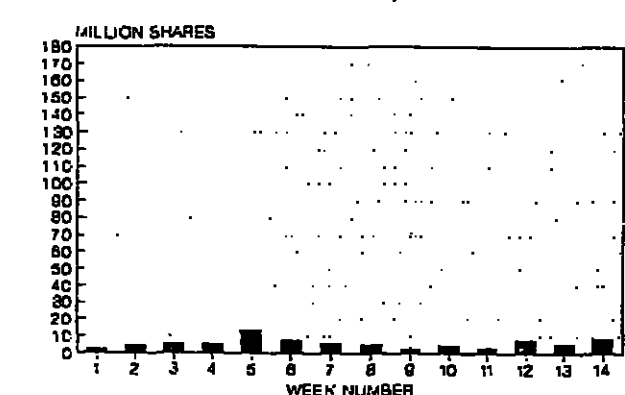
Wednesday Change 29/03/89 points	86.90	88.28	-1.38
First Gulf Bank	91.12	98.71	-7.59
Bahrain Internat. Bank	82.86	85.71	-2.86

Bahrain M. East Bank	50.00	49.24	0.76
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	18.37	16.50	1.87
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	20.83	20.83	—

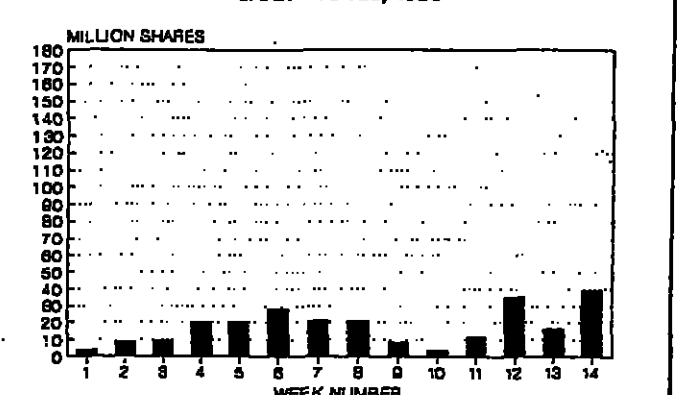
Umm Al Quain Cement	68.05	70.74	-1.69
Gulf Medical Projects			
Total Index			

—Base period 31/12/1983.			
—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.			

NON-KUWAITI SHAREHOLDING COMPANIES WEEKLY TRADING VOLUME FROM JAN. 1 - APR. 5, 1989



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## IAEA chief extols safety record of nuclear power

VIENNA, April 8, (OPECNA): Dr Hans Blix, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), while stressing the good environmental record of nuclear power as compared with fossil fuels, pointed out here yesterday that there were "big differences" between "common perceptions" about the safety of nuclear power and "reality".

He was addressing a conference of trade unionists from 19 countries and six international organisations at the Vienna International Centre. The two-day "consultative" gathering is devoted to safety in the nuclear industry.

He pointed to the extensive "co-operative efforts" by IAEA member states to enhance and upgrade nuclear safety, emphasising that compared to carbon dioxide emissions and other "alternative wastes" created by the burning of fossil fuels, nuclear waste was "small in quantity" and could be "taken care of in its entirety".

Trade union speakers, according to the IAEA, stressed the importance of strengthening the international system for assuring nuclear safety. They suggested that "recognition should be given to trade unions in the planning and implementation of safety policies."

They said the IAEA's safety responsibilities should be separated from its other functions because the public needed to be confident of the "independence of safety assessment". They also called on governments to allow safety inspections of nuclear facilities "at short notice."

## Protesters attack riot police Students demand ouster of Roh Tae-Woo

SEOUL, South Korea, April 8, (AP): Workers and students demonstrated yesterday against a continuing police crackdown on striking workers at South Korea's largest shipyard.

In Seoul, about 2,500 students demanding the ouster of President Roh Tae-Woo rallied at four schools and pelted riot police with hundreds of firebombs in swirling clashes outside their campuses.

Shiward operations at Hyundai Heavy Industries in Ulsan, a southeastern industrial city of Ulsan were far below normal yesterday, although thousands of riot police increased their protection of non-strikers.

About 2,000 workers and sympathisers staged scattered protests in Ulsan, Hyundai officials said. But there were no reports of violent street protests, apparently because of the stepped-up police activity.

Riot police brandishing trun-

cheons and shields chased protesters into alleys and sidestreets, news reports said.

Police squads were posted in residential areas and around company dormitories which had been used as hideouts by militant workers. Police closed the dormitory complex on Thursday and began arresting strike leaders.

Police also blocked all traffic to the city and checked buses and other vehicles to keep dissidents and radical students from other parts of the country from joining in the Hyundai protests, according to the state-run television network KBS.

Protesters hurled firebombs at a police checkpoint in a pre-dawn attack yesterday, setting it afire, but no serious property damage or injuries were reported.

Police arrested four strike leaders on Thursday, bringing to 19 the total number of workers

arrested in the past week. Police said they are seeking another 12 leaders still at large.

The police activity followed a meeting of top government officials on Thursday, at which a decision was made to crack down on radicals allegedly trying to topple the government by force.

The police action touched off violent protests by dissidents and students, who attacked Hyundai's headquarters in Seoul and offices across the country.

Shouting "topple the Roh Tae-Woo regime," protesters attacked riot police with clubs, rocks and firebombs yesterday outside Sejong University in eastern Seoul.

Hundreds of riot police firing tear-gas moved onto Sungkyunkwan University near downtown Seoul to disperse about 700 students who tried to march off the campus to support the Hyundai strikers.

## Milken, brother plead innocent

NEW YORK, April 8, (AP): Michael Milken, former head of Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc.'s high-yield junk bond department, pleaded innocent yesterday to a far-reaching government indictment that charged him with turning the investment banking house into a racketeering enterprise.

Milken, dressed in a navy blue, pinstriped suit entered his plea in a courtroom packed with more than 200 reporters, courtroom artists, lawyers and the curious.

Also entering innocent pleas before US district Judge Kimba Wood at Federal Court in Manhattan was Milken's brother, Lowell, 40. A third defendant, former Drexel trader Bruce L. Newberg, was absent due to a

skiing accident and will be arraigned at a later date.

All three were named in a 98-count Federal securities fraud and racketeering indictment returned March 29.

Both Milken were released without bail after assistant US Attorney John Carroll said prosecutors and defence lawyers "made substantial progress" during talks to reach an acceptable bond for the defendants and their assets.

The charges seek \$1.8 billion in forfeitures from each of the three defendants, or their total combined earnings from 1984 to 1987. The government reportedly had asked the three defendants to post a \$1-billion bond to avoid pretrial restraints on their

assets.

Under the racketeer influence and corrupt organisations (RICO) act, assets found to be the result of racketeering activities are subject to forfeiture proceedings and prosecutors could ask the judge to freeze the Milken's assets to guarantee their availability in the event of a conviction.

Ms Wood scheduled another court session for Tuesday morning, at Carroll's request, to finalise bond arrangements.

Milken, 42, took a leave of absence from his job as head of Drexel's Beverly Hills, California-based high-yield junk bond division, where he reportedly made more than \$1 billion between 1983 and 1987.

## Kuwait dinar deposit rates steady in quiet market

KUWAIT, April 8, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates were mostly steady today in a quiet market at the onset of the holy Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

Dealers reported a few deals in the short dates but very little activity otherwise. Business traditionally slows down during Ramadan, which began in Kuwait on Thursday, while Saturdays are normally quiet with European markets closed.

Tomorrow's next was steady from Thursday with rates at 8-1/2 per cent as was one-week with deals at nine. Two weeks dealt at 9-1/2.

However, overnight rates eased, with deals reported at eight and 7-1/2 compared 9-1/2 on Thursday. Bankers said funds had come in from offshore banks in Bahrain to push down rates.

In the fixed periods, one month to one year were little changed at a uniform 9-3/4 1/2.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar to dollar exchange rate to 0.28989/99 from 0.28952/62.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal deposits were steady in a dull market which saw virtually no activity due to the combined effect of the European weekend and the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, which began on Thursday.

"Everything is dead — the market is fasting," one dealer in the kingdom said.

## Foreign ownership at just under 1pc

WASHINGTON, April 8, (AP): Foreigners continue to own just under one per cent of US agricultural land, slightly more than a year ago. The Agricultural Department reported today.

The department's Economic Research Service said its 1988 year-end review of reports under the decade-old agricultural foreign investment disclosure act found about 12.5 million acres in foreign hands, 99,100 acres more than reported in 1987.

Much of the ownership is concentrated in the United Kingdom, Canada, France, West Germany, the Netherlands Antilles, the Netherlands and Switzerland. Those countries combined to account for about 60 per cent of all foreign-held acreage.

The report said that "93 per cent of the foreign-owned acreage will remain in agricultural production, according to foreign owners."

## Currency rates

KUWAIT, April 8, (KUNA): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait, today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.28964	0.29039
Sterling	0.48978	0.49250
Dm.	0.15406	0.15487
S. fr.	0.17532	0.17631
F. fr.	0.04560	0.04587
£. lira	0.00021000	0.0002111
Jap yen	0.0021777	0.0021916
Bh. dinar	0.76786	0.77067
UAE dh.	0.07881	0.07908
S. riyal	0.07719	0.07745
Q. riyal	0.079520	0.079820
O. riyal	0.74171	0.75445

## Interest Rates

KUWAIT, April 8, (KUNA): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	9-5/16	9-3/4
3 months	9-5/16	9-3/4
6 months	9-1/4	9-3/4
1 year	9-1/4	9-3/4

The overall annual average growth rate for Africa as a whole

Economists see further rate rise

## Greater risk of US recession predicted

NEW YORK, April 8, (Reuters): High interest rates, tumbling automobile sales and a sluggish housing market have raised the chances that the drive to squeeze inflation out of the domestic economy will also push the United States into a recession, economists say.

And, in the latest measure of the state of the nation's economic health, the Labour Department reported yesterday that, although the unemployment rate had fallen to five per cent in March — its lowest in 15 years — the pace of jobs' growth was at its slackest since last August.

Some experts put the risk of a downturn later this year or early in 1990 at as much as 50 per cent. Among the more bearish is Stephen Roach, senior economist at Morgan Stanley and Co.

"The forces that typically culminate in recession have been set into motion," he said. Roach sees a mild contraction by early 1990, pointing to virtually flat consumption levels over the past nine months for durable items such as automobiles, furniture and appliances.

Slowdown He also cited a slowdown in business capital spending to single-digit percentage gains this year from double-digit ones in 1989. And he lists weakening in the housing market.

"Those are the three sectors of the economy that always are on the leading edge of feeling the impact of higher (interest)

rates," he said. Weakness in these sectors, he adds, eventually weighs on income and production.

That view comes amid growing questions over the future of the US economy, which in March marked its 76 month of expansion — the longest in peacetime history since 1854, when monthly records began.

But not all economists are bearish. "There are a few signs of a slowdown. But even that doesn't seem to be very certain," says Geoffrey Moore, director of Columbia University's Centre for International Business Cycle Research.

Others are not so optimistic, conceding the risks of recession have grown. At the least, they look for a significant slowing in the economy during the second half of the year.

Economists point to Federal Reserve credit policy. The Fed, to slow the economy, has boosted short-term rates over 3 full percentage points in the past year. In February alone, the federal funds rate was pushed up about three-quarters of a point and the discount rate was lifted.

Further rate rises are forecast. And some fear the Fed, the US Central Bank may go too far, choking off growth and tilting the economy into recession.

"When you try to slow things down, the risks of a recession rise," said Richard Rippe, Dean Witter Reynolds economist. In addition to the jobs figures, other early March data also sug-

gested a slowdown. The National Association of Purchasing Management's monthly index declined to 50.4 per cent from 53 per cent in February, the lowest reading since July 1986. A reading above 50.0 percent signals an expanding economy, while one below suggests a contracting economy.

Also, sales of US-built cars tumbled 19 per cent in late March, ending a dismal quarter that analysts say may mark the start of a long-expected industry downturn.

All this comes after February drops in housing starts, retail sales, orders for durable goods, capacity use and construction contracting.

"There's really not that much strength out there," says Data Resources chief economist David Wyes, who sees a slowdown.

Data Resources reckons the odds against a recession occurring by early 1990 are 2-1, versus a projection around the start of 1989 of 3-1.

Wyes is more cautious. "My personal feeling is we're getting pretty close to even," he said.

Efforts Ironically, one factor many in the financial markets and elsewhere have been clamouring for — a lower federal deficit — could complicate efforts to keep the economy growing.

A lower deficit could trim overall economic demand at a time when growth could already be slowing.

## Support for Takeshita continues to erode

Joint move to oust premier

TOKYO, April 8, (UPI): Support for Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita continued to erode yesterday amid new allegations he accepted funds from a scandal-ridden company and a united call from major opposition parties for his resignation.

In the past week, news reports and Takeshita's own admissions have revealed the prime minister accepted \$770,000 in donations from the Recruit Co., which is suspected of buying political favours with cash gifts and stock.

Japan's major opposition parties, hoping to take advantage of the scandal, took the first step yesterday toward overcoming their differences and forming a coalition government to challenge Takeshita's Liberal Democratic Party.

Within the Liberal Democratic Party, an increasing number of members fear the fallout from Takeshita's drop in popularity and are asking the prime minister to resign.

In Nagoya, Japan's fourth largest city, 23 city assembly members from Takeshita's party called for his resignation yesterday, the eve of a local election

campaign. But Takeshita has refused to step down, saying he wishes to remain in power until he can complete political reforms needed to restore public confidence in government.

Donations Takeshita said he could not comment on the latest allegations of accepting Recruit donations until his staff completes an investigation.

All major Japanese news media reported yesterday Takeshita accepted a \$200,000 donation from Recruit in 1986 which may not have been properly reported.

"Politicians need a stable financial base... and as long as (donations) are within the realm of the law, they are not illegal and should not be criticised," said Shintaro Abe, secretary-general of the Liberal Democratic Party and a Takeshita supporter.

Opposition party leaders pledged yesterday to join forces to oust Takeshita and his cabinet because of links to a stock scandal.

"This is a time of unpreced-

ed importance," said Takako Doi, chairwoman of the largest opposition group, the Japan Socialist Party, after a 90-minute meeting of leaders of four leading opposition groups.

The donations have been criticised because the chairman of Recruit was placed on several special government councils, and the public prosecutors investigating the scandal are reportedly looking into the possible link between the donations and the chairman's appointments.

The leaders of the four top non-communist opposition parties met in Kyoto, in western Japan, and vowed unity in the fight to oust Takeshita.

The four parties hope to pressure Takeshita into dissolving the House of Representatives, the key legislative body, and calling an election ahead of the mid-1990 scheduled election.

In the past the four parties' wide differences in policy, most notably disagreement over the Socialist Party's advocacy of unarmed neutrality and abolition of the US-Japan security treaty, have prevented them from forming a coalition.

## Planners challenge World Bank on merits of reforms

ADDIS ABABA, April 8, (Reuters): African economic planners have challenged World Bank findings on the merits of reforms sponsored by it and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).



# Inflation test awaits Wall Street

NEW YORK, April 8, (AP): In a stock market intensely focused on economic statistics, "producer prices" are the magic words for the coming week on Wall Street.

The government is due to report on Wednesday on the March producer price index for finished goods.

Stock and bond traders will be watching closely to see whether the index, a measure of inflationary pressures at the next-to-last point in the distribution chain, shows signs of letting up.

Increases of 1 per cent in the index for both January and February shook up the markets when they were reported, and fanned fears of increasing inflation and higher interest rates.

**Increase**  
"The index is the most worrisome inflation indicator at this time," the Merrill Lynch market letter observed. "Another large increase could prompt further credit-tightening moves by the Federal Reserve."

If advance estimates by private econ-

omists are right, a measure of relief is on the way.

The consensus view is that the increase for March will be down to about half a percentage point — still a bit high, perhaps, but at least moving in the right direction.

Peter Greenbaum at Smith Barney, Harris Upham and Co., which is looking for a gain of either 0.4 per cent or 0.5 per cent, says the expected improvement lies mainly in food and energy prices, which were primary culprits in the increases of the two previous months.

The adverse price effects of the oil spill near Valdez, Alaska, won't show up in producer prices until the April figures are out, he said.

Of course, there are no guarantees against an unpleasant surprise. The February figure came in well above expectations.

But whatever the ups and downs of the figures over the next month or two, many

economists argue that inflation is likely to subside significantly as the year passes.

"We think the stage is being set for a declaration of inflation later in 1989," said Jeffrey Applegate at Tucker, Anthony and R.L. Day Inc.

"The recent inflation figures, while certainly worse than expectations, are also history. They lag, not lead."

Applegate points out that such traditional early-warning indicators of inflation as the price of gold and the growth rate of the money supply are sounding no alarms at all.

He also observed that the stock market has risen, on balance, since the Fed began to tighten credit a year ago, suggesting at least a cautious belief that the Central Bank might succeed in restraining inflation without inflicting severe pain on the economy.

In the past week, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 11.18 points to

2,304.80.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index gained 1.40 to 166.93; the Nasdaq composite index for the over-the-counter market added 3.98 to 410.71, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was up 2.28 at 330.59.

Volume on the Big Board averaged 166.93 million shares a day, against 146.91 million the week before.

**Rates**

Edward Yardeni, economist at Prudential-Bache Securities, says he believes the rise of 3 percentage points in short-term interest rates over the past year is "starting to bite. But we don't expect a recession."

"Rather, we believe that the Fed's aggressive preemptive attack against inflation is working."

"While consensus expectations are like to continue to bounce between the extremes of boom and bust, we expect that the economy will continue to chug along somewhere down the middle."

Bonn industrial output climbs

## US jobless rate hits 15-year low

DUE to the determination of the Group of Seven leading industrialised countries to prevent further dollar appreciation, significant intervention including that by the Central Bank of Japan, saw the dollar lose ground in nervous trading during the earlier part of the week.

However, the US unit remained above its key support level of DMI. 8640, and consolidated its position around a narrow trading range by week end, according to NBK weekly money market report.

The employment numbers, awaited all week, provided conflicting indications on the US economy's strength, and in the event did little to significantly move the markets.

Treasury bonds and equities matched the exchange markets by fluctuating only slightly within narrow ranges.

The dollar ended the week at DMI. 873 and Yen 132.4.

Construction spending was unchanged in February following a 0.4 per cent increase in January compared with a 7.8 per cent rise in February 1988.

This was lower than the 0.3 per cent increase forecast and was the first time since August that spending had failed to rise.

**Dropped**  
Consumer credit rose greater than anticipated, seasonally adjusted \$4.22 billion in February giving an annualised growth rate of 7.5 per cent following a revised increase of \$4.37 billion in January.

Unemployment dropped slightly more than expected to five per cent in March from 5.1

per cent in February and compared to 5.6 per cent in March 1988. Jobless in the United States hit 15-year low last month.

Non-farm payroll fell to 180,000 in March from 280,000 in February. This was the lowest since last August when 154,000 jobs were created and was below expectations of 225,000.

The G-7 made clear that they believe a further "rise in the dollar" would undermine economic growth, and prospects of a correction to the current trade imbalances. Significant intervention by the key central banks to prevent the US dollar rising further can therefore be expected.

Markets and the financial authorities are currently applying a wait and see attitude to their next policy move — hence the narrow range.

Indicators have yet to provide conclusive evidence of economic slowdown, whilst inflationary pressure remains very much in the pipeline, with higher earnings levels, labour and capacity constraints, and rising oil prices.

That inflation may not be so simultaneously responsive to high interest rates remains the prime concern, and therefore interest rates are expected to continue at present levels for sometime to come. This week's PPI number will be keenly awaited and although not anticipated to be as high as the last month's 1.0 per cent rise, a strong figure is expected.

Money market rates could correspondingly move higher and could prompt the Federal Reserve into action.

Such supportive interest rates combined with a trade deficit forecast to be around an improving trend of \$10 billion should help to underpin the dollar within current ranges for the immediate term.

Longer-term however, as evidence of economic slowdown becomes apparent and inflation more subdued, a prospective relaxation of monetary policy will weaken confidence in the US market.

Trading ranges for the coming week are: Y129-134 and DMI. 84-1.89.

Sterling fell sharply early in the week losing over two pence to close at DM3.18. It held slightly steadier against a weaker dollar slipping to £/S1.69. The reaction was felt to be a delayed response to the poor trade figures last week.

The Bank of England intervened significantly to prevent a steeper fall.

There were a number of data releases this week giving further evidence of the continuing buoyancy of the West German economy including the following.

Industrial output climbed 0.3 per cent in February from January after a revised 1.3 per cent rise in January from December and increased 5.2 per cent from a year earlier.

Trade surplus grew 39 per cent to DM11.4 billion in February from DM8.2 billion a year ago but was lower than the DM11.8 billion January 1989 figure.

Exports increased by 29 per cent in the first two months while imports rose by 27 per cent. This again highlights the scale of the world trade imbalances.

## UK plans end of dock job guarantee

LONDON, April 8, (AP): The government plans to abolish legislation under which dockworkers at 46 ports handling 70 per cent of Britain's overseas trade are guaranteed jobs, and news reports on Friday warned of a possible national dock strike as a result.

Announcing plans to abolish the 42-year-old National Dock Labour Scheme, Employment Secretary Norman Fowler told the House of Commons on Thursday it was an anachronism and the "biggest obstacle to a modern and efficient ports industry."

A total of 1,700 dockworkers immediately walked off the job at Tilbury east of London on Thursday in protest.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative administration, which has sharply restricted trade union powers in the nearly 10 years it has held office, plans to write a parliamentary bill to abolish the National Dock Labour Scheme by next July.

The bill is guaranteed passage through Parliament because of the government's large majority in the House of Commons.

**Condition**

The legislation introduced in 1947 by the then Labour Party government regulates employment conditions in the 46 ports it covers. It guarantees jobs to 9,400 dockworkers there by ensuring that manning levels can be cut only where workers quit voluntarily.

It says that even in cases where a private docklands employer goes out of business, dockworkers employed by the company and covered by the system must be hired by other docklands employers.

The National Dock Labour Scheme was introduced to abolish casual labour at the docks. A system in which workers were hired by employers on a day-to-day basis, competing with each other for work. Casual labourers got low wages and many had recurrent periods without work.

But critics say abuses have grown up under the National Dock Labour Scheme. They say that in some cases dockworkers are actually paid for not working.

A position paper published on Thursday setting out the government's plans said the National Dock Labour Scheme has resulted in restrictive practices which have raised prices and cut output.

To soften the blow, the government will pay compensation of up to £35,000 (\$59,500) to each of the 1,000 dockworkers expected to lose their jobs when the system is abolished.

The 13,000-member transport and general workers union represents most of the 9,400 dockworkers involved. The left-led union's docks officer, John Connolly, predicted a strike would be called to oppose any attempt to end the job-protection scheme.

Developing nations seek commitment

## Snag on textiles delays trade pact

GENEVA, April 8, (Reuters): A last-minute snag on textiles and clothing delayed talks aimed at UN-sponsored agreement to free the flow of world trade.

The row flared late last night, only hours after delegates from 105 nations believed they had cleared the main obstacle which had blocked the three months of negotiations by agreeing to a farm trade reform package.

David Woods, spokesman for the UN's General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), under whose auspices the talks are being held, said there was deadlock in the textiles talks because of an "unexpected substantive proposal by one delegation which most delegations were not prepared for."

He did not name the delegation. But the European Economic Community said it was responsible and its ambassador to GATT, Tran Van Tinh of France, said: "We have the right and duty to make any proposal up to the last minute."

Woods said the talks on textiles would take longer as

negotiators needed to see whether the proposal could form the basis of an agreement.

A final plenary session of the negotiations, originally scheduled for Friday evening was postponed till 1300 GMT on Saturday.

The session is due to adopt texts on four issues on which a ministerial meeting in Montreal last December failed to agree and which are needed to get the four-year round of global trade negotiations moving again.

**Reform**  
Apart from textiles, they are farm trade reform and ways of combating commercial piracy of patents and copyrights, on which agreement was reached on Friday, and temporary trade restrictions which were due to be examined last night but was not expected to pose major problems.

Outline accords reached in Montreal on how to proceed in 11 areas, including tariff cuts, trade in services, opening markets to tropical products such as coffee and cocoa and improving GATT's working methods were

put aside because of disagreement on the four other issues.

The EEC envoy to GATT gave no details on the proposal which held up an overall agreement. But asked what was at stake for the community, he said, "much employment, also much investment."

The object of the negotiations on liberalising trade in textiles is to reintegrate this sector within GATT rules. At present about half the world trade in textiles and clothing is subject to restrictions under a separate accord known as the Multifibre Arrangement (MFA).

Developing nations, led by India and Pakistan, want a commitment by industrialised countries not to increase restrictions they impose at present on textiles from poorer nations.

**Negotiations**  
Third World nations have also called for a time frame for phasing out the MFA, but US negotiators say Washington cannot agree to freezing its actions under an existing international accord.

EEC jobless rate drops

## Economy maintains fast pace

BRUSSELS, April 8, (UPI): Economic growth in the European Economic Community is the strongest recorded in the past 10 years and while unemployment is dropping, inflation is rising and the external trade deficit is widening, the statistical office Eurostat said yesterday.

"The economic performance of the community is the most favourable for a long time," the report said.

The average gross domestic product growth of the 12 member countries in 1988 — 3.7 per cent in real terms — was the strongest recorded since 1978.

The growth of investments (7.3 per cent) was the highest for over two decades and the rate of

inflation (3.7 per cent) was about that of the 1960s.

"Employment has increased by 1.2 per cent and — breaking a more than 10-year rising trend — the unemployment rate is now declining."

"The positive developments are expected to continue in 1989 and 1990. Growth will remain strong, investment will remain the engine of growth, unemployment will continue to fall, albeit slowly. Inflation, however, will accelerate somewhat," the report said.

The report expected that EEC exports to the rest of the world — which had stagnated in 1987 and increased slowly in 1988 — will accelerate gradually.

"As imports continue to grow strongly, even if significantly slower than in 1988, the trade position of the community will deteriorate slightly in 1989 and is expected to stabilise in 1990," the report said.

The number of registered unemployed in February stood at around 15.6 million, a fall of 7.2 per cent over February 1988, Eurostat said. The rate of unemployment in February stood at 9.7 per cent of the active population, against 10.4 per cent a year earlier.

In February, the inflation rate over 12 months attained five per cent, the highest annual figure observed for 37 months, Eurostat said.

## OPEC crude production drops

BRUSSELS, Belgium, April 8, (AP): The OPEC nations produced about 19.6 million barrels of oil a day in March, a bit under the level of February but still ahead of their output targets, according to estimates released yesterday.

The International Energy Agency said in its monthly oil market report that estimated well-head production by the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries slipped by about 200,000 barrels a day last month.

Total output was estimated at 19.8 million barrels a day in February and 20.2 million barrels in January.

The OPEC countries agreed in November to reduce their output to 18.5 million barrels a day in the first half of this year in an effort to push up prices.

Since the accord, prices have rallied much more than expected, surpassing the nations' target of \$18 a barrel. The average price of a basket of seven crude oils monitored by OPEC reached \$18.57 a barrel this week.

A panel of eight OPEC ministers met last week in Vienna and reaffirmed their commitment to the accord. Signalling their intention not to do anything that would weaken prices in the next few months.

All 13 ministers will meet in early June to decide the output levels for the second half of the year. It appeared the ministers would likely boost the production ceiling if prices held at their current levels.

The report by the International Energy Agency estimated world oil supply outside such centrally planned economies as the Soviet Union — at 50 million barrels a day in March, about the same as in the previous month.

It said Alaskan production was disrupted last month because of the oil tanker accident off the port of Valdez.

Pump prices up

## Petrol is going to cost more in W. Europe

LONDON, April 8, (Reuters): Expect to pay more for petrol in Western Europe this summer holiday season. Pump prices are up in several nations, playing catch-up with a US trend.

Oil companies say one reason is that the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries has managed to choke excess crude oil supply to drive crude prices up about 50 per cent this year.

Temporary supply hiccups like that caused in Alaska by the Exxon Valdez tanker spillage haven't helped.

Refiners did well in 1988 when crude costs tumbled, but now their profits on refining and selling the stuff are squeezed.

Some European governments, notably in West Germany and France, have meanwhile, buoyed pump prices by raising petrol taxes. And the dollar, in which oil is traded, is strong.

"The dollar is firm and supplies are low. I think the international market situation will result in higher petrol prices," said Hans Hanky at Deutsche Shell in West Germany, the largest European petrol market.

**Demand**  
Another reason why petrol supply to north-western Europe's Rotterdam-based spot market is tight is that Europe had a mild winter. Slack demand for heating fuel led refiners to ease up on the volume of crude oil they processed.

Meanwhile, more European cargoes have gone to the United States where new environmental rules threaten local shortages of petrol of a blend that conforms with new pollution standards.

Rotterdam spot prices for petrol have therefore been at their highest in about three years and, while easing a bit now as the Alaskan crude flow recovers, remain about 25

per cent above where they were a month ago. Obviously, we never like putting the price up but if our costs increase we pass it on to the pumps," said Claude Georges, spokesman at French state oil firm Elf Aquitaine.

France's UCSP oil industry association says average retail prices of unleaded premium have risen to 5.15 francs (76 cents) per litre from 4.89 (72 cents) on January 1.

In West Germany, premium is up at around 1.18 marks (63 cents) a litre. The government raised tax in January by an average 12 pfennigs (0.6 cents) and the industry added three pfennigs (0.15 cents) in March.

Oil companies in Britain raised prices this week by 6.8 pence a gallon — 2.4 cents a litre. Shell said four-star petrol will rise to £1.87 a gallon or 70 cents a litre.

The British rises are the fourth this year. Prices have also risen in the Netherlands and Switzerland.

KUWAIT									
BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE			
NATIONAL BANK	0.930	0.950	0.950	0.940	2065000	83			
GULF BANK	0.360	0.380	0.380	0.365	2020000	70			
COMMERCIAL BK	0.265	0.275	0.275	0.265	5430000	132			
AMLI BANK	0.300	0.320	0.320	0.305	1350000	27			
B.K.M.E	0.335	0.350	0.350	0.345	380000	17			
K.R.E.B.	0.345	0.350	0.355	0.345	240000	12			
BURGAN BANK	0.270	0.280	0.280	0.275	5310000	185			
K.F.HOUSE	0.440	0.460	0.460	0.445	1200000	49			
INVESTMENT SECTOR									
KUT INV. CO.	0.140								
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I.F.A.	0.048								
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NATIONAL INV.	0.068								
KUT PROJECTS	0.077	0.078	0.078	0.077	800000	13			
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KUT INSURANCE	0.610								
GULF INSURANCE	0.360								
AMLI INS.	0.540								
WARBA INS.	0.340								
REAL ESTATE SECTOR									
KUT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.132	0.132	0.132	0.132	20000	1			
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NAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.000	0.170	0.170	0.170	20000	1			
SALAHIA R.E.	0.080								
KUT R.E.I.CON	0.000								
INDUSTRY SECTOR									
NAT IND. CO.	0.000								
KUT N.P. IND.	0.300								
KUT CEMENT CO.	0.170								
REF. IND. CO.	0.380								
N.A.H.T.CO.	0.000								
KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE									
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE			
FINANCIAL SECTOR									
GULF INTL INS	0.000								
ARAB INT CO.	0.000								
SHARJAH INS	0.000								
GULF UNION INS	0.000								
R.K.WHITE CHNT	0.000								
AJMAN CEMENT	0.000								
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR									
B-FUJAIH CEMENT	0.000								
C-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010								
D-GULF CEMENT	0.010								

AMMAN												
				FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71	JOR LBN BRICK	0.22	0.22	HACH/EQU/RENT/MAIN	0.77	0.77
				GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.55	4.55	JOR MAN/COR/CONSULT	0.50	0.50	MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
				GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	JOR NATIONAL BANK			MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.11
				GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.35	1.27	JOR PAPER CARDBRKG	3.75	3.60	MICHEL EAST HOTEL		
				GENERAL MINING	2.20	2.10	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.75	3.60	MIDDLE EAST INS.		
				HIGHEN MINERALS	0.75	0.75	JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.76	1.75	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.74	0.75
				HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72	NAT.FIN.INVEST CO	2.10	2.15
							JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.40	NAT/CABEL/VIEW/MF		
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.86	1.87		IND./MATCH JEMCO			JOR ROCK WOOL IND.			NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.26	1.28
ARAB ALUMINIUM IND.				INDSTRL DEVLPT BKK	1.60	1.60	JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12	1.11	NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.97	0.97
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ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.58	4.64		INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY			NATIONAL STEEL		
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ARAB INT./INV/TRAD.	0.54	0.54		ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	JOR. PETROLIUM REF			PETRA JOR.INS.	0.35	0.35
ARAB INT.-UNION INS				ITEMED/PETR/ICH			JOR.-FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45	PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.10	1.11
ARAB INTER. HOTELS				J.TOUR-SM.COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	JOR.-INV.FIN.CORP			PRECAST CONCRETE		
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.35	2.30		JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29				RAPIA INDUSTRIAL	1.82	1.91
ARAB PAPER CON/TRID	0.45	0.43			20.00	19.50	JORDAN DAIRY	0.96	0.96	REAL ESTATE INV.		
ARAB PHARMA./MAF.							JORDAN GULF BANK	1.29	1.30	SHIPPING LINES		
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN							JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95	THE HOUSING .		
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---		JO TOBACCO/CIGARET			JORDAN INSURANCE			UNITED INVESTING	1.88	1.90
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65		JOR CERAMIC FACTOR			JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	2.04	2.05	UNIVERSAL CHEM.	1.16	1.16
BANK OF JORDAN				JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.40	1.40	UNIVERSAL IND.		
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITNA	1.02	1.00		JOR ELECTRIC POWER			JORDAN TANNING	2.05	2.05	UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65	0.68
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95		JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22				WOLKIN INDUSTRIES	0.95	0.90
CATRO AMMAN BANK	31.00	30.00		JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.00	1.00				YARMOLK INSURANCE		
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25		JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.30						
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.51	0.50		JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.								
DAR ALDAWA DV/INV.				JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20						
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.76	0.74		JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83						



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Dynasty star finds solace in 35,000-year-old spirit guide

# A second coming for Linda Evans

WHEN it looks like life is falling apart, wonderful things may be in the wings, just waiting to happen," says Linda Evans with that sweetness, that buoyant optimism that seems not Pollyanna-like, but honestly felt and totally authentic. We're talking over salads-for-lunch in her dressing room on the Warner lot in Hollywood.

She looks smashing, as usual, in one of those pantsuits (beige, with a white silk blouse) that Nolan Miller has been devising for years to make Linda's shoulders look four feet wide. Paris and Milan may be telling us that "power shoulders" have gone out of style, but *Dynasty* and Linda Evans cling, with enormous success, to a timeless style all their own.

Here she is, at 46, one of the world's most beautiful, dare we say, middle-aged women, with no man in her life at the moment, no children of her own and only her career to keep her warm. Yet one hears few complaints from Linda, few rainy-day laments. "Nothing seemed to be panning out for so long, yet my life turned out better than I could ever have imagined in all my dreams," she says, all sunshine and flowers.

**Cynics**  
That kind of talk may sound to some cynics like making the best of a bad deal — two broken marriages (to actor John Derek and real estate magnate Stan Herman), neither of which produced the child for whom she longed, let go for a younger woman (Bo Derek) and so on and so on.

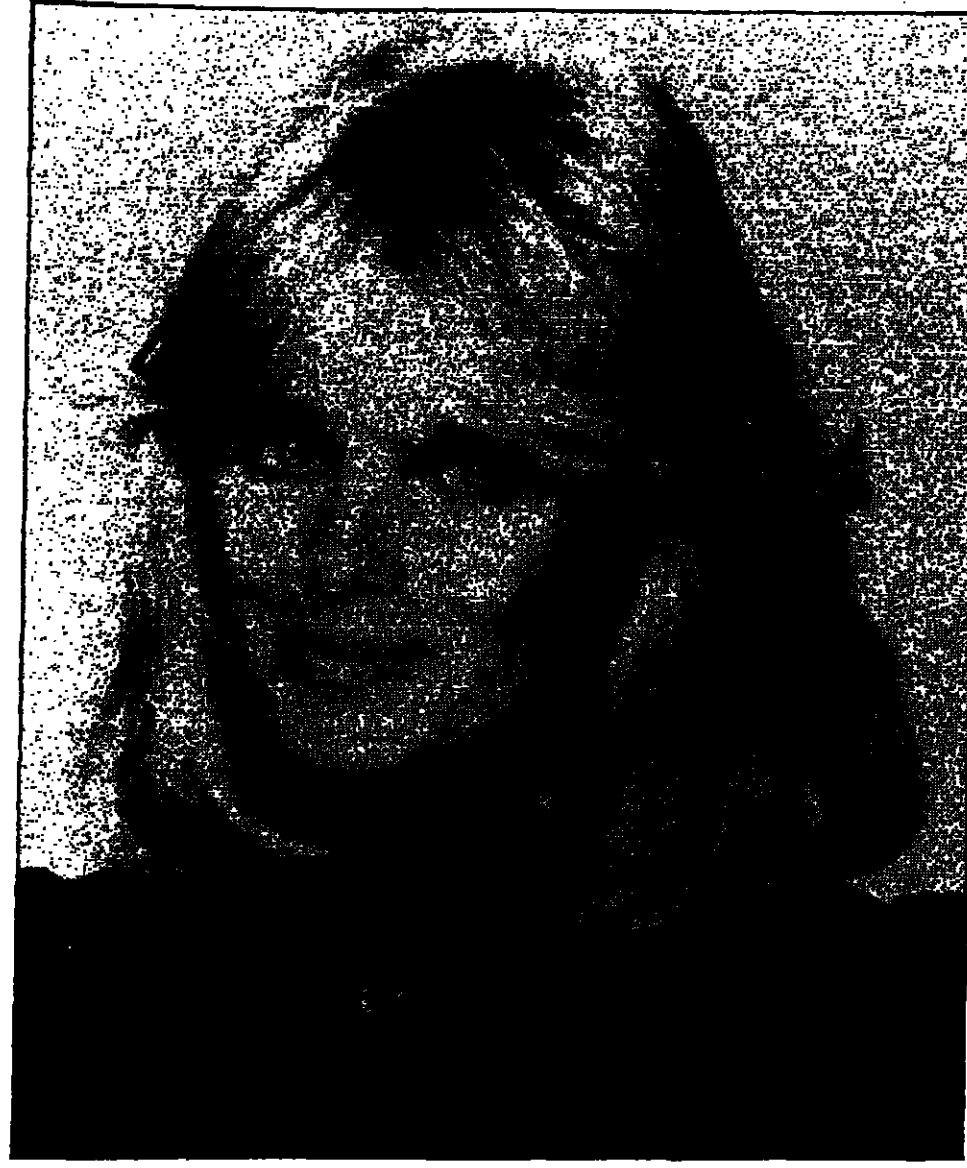
But her bumpy personal history has had the most interesting and positive consequences! It has sent Linda on an absorbing inner journey toward emotional security and a sense of peace, a journey that rests now in the hands of J.Z. Knight, the psychic and "channeler" who appeared first — in a quite favourable light — in Shirley MacLaine's popular autobiogra-

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phy *Dancing in the Light*. Linda believes that Ramtha, a spirit guide 35,000 years old, speaks from the fragile, blond person of Mrs Knight (who curiously, looks enough like Linda to be her sister). Of course, this is not an idea that all of us can swallow... and Linda well knows it. She is hardly unaware that there is a controversial connection in the eyes of those who look sceptically on the channeling of spirits from the world beyond.

But the sneers of confirmed rationalists bother Linda Evans not one whit. She refuses to apologise for what well may be her lifelong addiction to seeking "answers" to life and its vicissitudes. "I've tried a lot of things along the way," she acknowledges. "Psychotherapy, TM (transcendental meditation), Science of the Mind, I don't know yet where the answer is..."

Meanwhile, she's settled on Ramtha's brand of wisdom: "Don't give your power into someone else's hands. Don't accept somebody else's truth as your own. Don't let anyone else make decisions on your life. And



Linda Evans: she's made middle-aged women look good and above (right) with J.Z. Knight her 'channeler', who was mentioned quite favourably in Shirley MacLaine's autobiography.

be the best that you can be." It may seem simplistic and obvious to some of us, that's enough "Ramtha has helped me more than anyone to find the love of myself," she says.

Not narcissistic self-love, but the healthy self-esteem that has helped her shed what she perceives as a lifelong state of dependence on men. "Women who define themselves by a man, a child or a job always make a mistake. Only self-definition can save you," Linda says. "Not to be dependent on anything or anybody is to be in a transcendent place."

Getting to that place has not been easy for her, and the path has not been smooth, either personally or professionally. "At thirty-six,

they were telling me I was too old to be an actress," she recalls. (*They*, in Hollywood, signifies all the power brokers, from studio heads to network presidents, who spin the wheels of entertainment.)

**Bouncy**  
In industry terms, Linda had been deemed no longer young enough or bouncy enough to warrant stardom. "It was the era of *Charlie's Angels*. Women who looked like Farrah (Fawcett) and Jackie (Smith) were getting all the work," she says. But worse yet, Linda wasn't ambitious enough either. "I worked mostly around my husband's birthday, when I wanted to buy him an expensive present."

Against four spades West wasted no time in cashing the king-ace of diamonds and ace of clubs and exiting with a diamond. Declarer was faced with the loss of a trump trick, and the percentage way to avoid that was via a "Devil's Coup." To accomplish the desired ending, declarer first had to decide which defender was more likely to be long in trumps. He concluded that West's unseemly haste to cash his three trumps was because he thought he might have a trump trick, so he elected to play West for three trumps to an honor.

The contract could be made only if West's distribution was specifically 3-4-3-3. So declarer won the diamond, cashed the ace and king of hearts and ruffed a heart. Next he cashed the king of clubs and ruffed a club. Then he returned to hand with a heart ruff.

Declarer and East were now down to two trumps and club each, while dummy and West each held three trumps. When declarer led his last club, West was ruined. If he ruffed low, declarer would overruff on the table and score the last two tricks with the ace-king of trumps. If he ruffed with the queen, dummy would overruff with the king and a finesse of the ten of trumps would yield the last two tricks. Making four-odd.

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass  
Opening lead: King of ♠  
Just the timing a defender adopts in taking his tricks can occasionally give away his holding to an astute declarer. The inference on this hand is slight, but is better than nothing at all.

The auction was routine. Note North's up-the-line response of one diamond rather than showing a major, which gave North-South the opportunity of locating a 4-4 fit in any one of three suits. Yes, we know three no trump is the better contract, but who can you fault? It's difficult to point the finger at either

Here she is, at 46, one of the world's most beautiful — dare we say middle-aged women — with no husband, no children of her own, yet Linda Evans has found a different kind of happiness.



she explains. "It was never in my nature, then or now, to make the great career moves." So when John Derek took off with Bo, Linda spiralled into sudden panic — and who can blame her? "The need to feed yourself," after having been cared for so long as a wife, "is a very scary prospect," she says. "All at once, all by yourself, you have to pay for the car, the house, the clothes, the food, the insurance."

A couple of years later, Stan Herman, a California real estate executive, revived her hope of romance. "What I still wanted more than anything was to have a baby and a happy home life," Linda says. Within three years, they were married and divorced, her dreams of maternity, domesticity, stability shattered again. "And people say constantly, 'You've been so lucky all your life!'" Linda remarks with a rueful smile.

Careerwise, she made a movie with Steve McQueen, "for which I had high hopes," Linda recalls. But after its release, "no one was banging on my door." Linda's career and her love life had, simultaneously, hit a brick wall. Then her name came up for a Disney

movie — twice. Twice she was turned down for the same role. "Finally, they gave the part to somebody else. I was heart sick," Linda declares. "But had I gotten it, I could never have made that *Dynasty* pilot!" she says. That pilot made television history, social history and saved her professional life.

When the role of Krystle Carrington appeared on her personal horizon nine years ago, it was, Linda says, "an answer to a prayer." Suddenly she was a TV personage, on a runaway roller coaster to success, sharing equal billing with Joan Collins. (A quick glance at their adjacent dressing rooms makes it apparent that both women merit identical star treatment from the studio. The pastel colours of their couches are the same; their dressing tables match, ditto their rugs. Linda scoffs at persistent rumours that offscreen as well as on, "Krystle" and "Alexis" are not on the best of terms. "If that were true, Joan would be at the other end of the corridor instead of right next door," she points out reasonably.)

In a sense, Linda was reborn with *Dynasty*. And the American concept of female middle age was reborn too. This woman who was once categorically informed that she was "too old" at 36 is no longer too old at 46. "Krystle" launched more than a perfume and a pop legend; she launched a new way of looking at later life. She has made it, well, Krystle-clear that women in their second blooming can be at least as seductive, and in more mellow ways, as girls who are young enough to be their daughters.

**Banner**  
During these nine banner years of *Dynasty*, Linda has learned — the hard way — to value independence over dependence. "When John left me, one of our friends said, 'Don't take it personally. You've just graduated from the John Derek School of Life.'" She has, slowly but surely, metamorphosed into an honour graduate. Now she values her autonomy above even her need for male affection. And she has long resisted still another marriage — this time to Hollywood tycoon Richard Cohen. "We're very good friends," she says of her former lover. "We talk on the telephone almost every day. But we're not together anymore. I'm not dating anyone."

Well, then has she given up on the love of

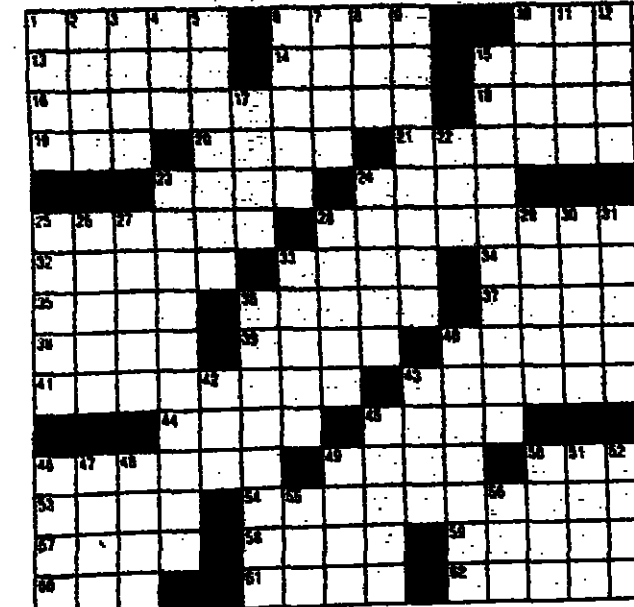


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men? Linda shrugs off the thought. "As I've become more secure and wiser, I've attracted more secure and wiser men. But making a man my whole life again?" She smiles and sighs. "God knows I once would have been thrilled to do that. But what would have happened to Linda? To me? What would it have cost in the end? My relationships have become healthier as I have less and less need," she says. While waiting for the good man to "walk into my good life," who can experience "that wonderful adventure, love without need," Linda has bought a house on the lake in Tacoma, Washington, close to the home of J.Z. Knight. Of those who look askance at what might seem another aspect of dependence, Linda says, "Who cares what they say? Who cares what anyone says? I know who I am now. I'm free! I'm not a chained-up person anymore. It was a hard-earned freedom, harder than anything I've done to *Dynasty*."

Having won through to that freedom, Linda means to use it well, according to her own lights. She describes Mrs Knight as "a housewife" and "a lovely, dear, dear friend whom I love very much. We play together, we cook together, we're forever in the kitchen...." She seesaws unselfconsciously between the identities of J.Z. Knight and Ramtha, whom she seems to regard as the same essential being, even though of opposite sexes. "Ramtha does not say, follow me. He says, know yourself and love yourself," Linda Evans feels empowered, finally, to follow that advice.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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  - 2 Celebes ox
  - 3 Actress Madeline
  - 4 Country stopover
  - 5 Abundantly filled
  - 6 Harm
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  - 8 Inventor Whitney
  - 9 Holy state
  - 10 — synthesizer
  - 11 Nanking nurse
  - 12 Boston or San
  - 13 Dago
  - 15 Easter celebrant
  - 17 Snobbish attitudes
  - 22 Drivers' org.
  - 23 Named
  - 24 Follow to Soft
  - 25 Farmer work
  - 26 Furious
  - 27 Ancient Greek physician
  - 28 Garden tools
  - 29 Rips
  - 30 Heraldic bearings
  - 31 Prepara
  - 32 Theater sections
  - 38 With "this," title for 16 Across
  - 40 Conestoga wagon setting
  - 42 A Gershwin
  - 43 Have a meal
  - 45 Actress-singer Lerya
  - 46 Fight finisher
  - 47 Zip
  - 48 Saarinen
  - 49 St. Petersburg resident
  - 50 Unite
  - 51 Nobelist Wiesel
  - 52 Couple
  - 55 Miracle response
  - 56 Actor Chaney

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL

East-West vulnerable. South player.

Against four spades West wasted no time in cashing the king-ace of diamonds and ace of clubs and exiting with a diamond. Declarer was faced with the loss of a trump trick, and the percentage way to avoid that was via a "Devil's Coup." To accomplish the desired ending, declarer first had to decide which defender was more likely to be long in trumps. He concluded that West's unseemly haste to cash his three trumps was because he thought he might have a trump trick, so he elected to play West for three trumps to an honor.

The contract could be made only if West's distribution was specifically 3-4-3-3. So declarer won the diamond, cashed the ace and king of hearts and ruffed a heart. Next he cashed the king of clubs and ruffed a club. Then he returned to hand with a heart ruff.

Declarer and East were now down to two trumps and club each, while dummy and West each held three trumps. When declarer led his last club, West was ruined. If he ruffed low, declarer would overruff on the table and score the last two tricks with the ace-king of trumps. If he ruffed with the queen, dummy would overruff with the king and a finesse of the ten of trumps would yield the last two tricks. Making four-odd.

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"This will all be yours one day, Darryl."

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

**B.C.**

By Johnny Hart

I UNDERSTAND THE DOCTOR CAN DO COSMETIC SURGERY ON THE FLABBY PARTS OF ONE'S ANATOMY? JUST A MINUTE.

THE LADY WANTS A COMPLETE 'HIP AND TUCK'.

SURELY... CAN YOU DO HOSPITAL CORNERS?

HEY! THIS IS A SNAPSHOT!

WOW! I'LL TRADE YOU MY WHOLE COLLECTION FOR IT!

THE ONLY ONE IN EXISTENCE.

YOU GOT A JOE GARABOLA?

HOW 'BOUT A JOE GARABOLA?

ILL GIVE YOU 2 BOB UICKERS FOR A MARY THRONEDERRY.

## YOUR STARS

**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
You must think twice and more before you make a decision. You should do your best not to lose your temper. Do not place too much reliance on your intuitions. Be more observant.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
A meeting with an important person will go off extremely well. You should not think of work today, instead think more about your personal affairs. Avoid being reckless particularly when driving or cycling. Be tactful.

**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**  
Do your best to make a good impression but do not be condescending. And do give others the benefit of any doubt. Do not eat so much that you put on weight. Be tolerant.

**Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
You would do well to consider how lucky you are instead of complaining that you are not better off. Avoid saying anything that is likely to give offence. Take the best care of your health. Be resolute.

**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
You will feel slightly irritable and out of sorts and should do your best to control yourself. A good opportunity will not be recognised until it is too late. Make sure you do not spend all you are tempted to. Be helpful.

**Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**  
You are liable to act on impulse and must try to restrain yourself. Your lucky numbers are 23 and 8. Make sure you do not believe all you hear, but do keep your ears open. A small infection must not be neglected. Be polite.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**  
Do not think you are the only one who knows anything about anything. Avoid flying off at a tangent. Try to spend a little more time dealing with a personal problem. Be moderate.

**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
You will be able to make up for a previous failing. You must show the courage of your convictions. You should avoid leaving more than is unavoidable to chance and must not rely on luck. Be more cautious.

**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**  
You are liable to take a little too much for granted. Make sure you love no less than you are loved. Do all you can and more than you need to do to stay on good terms with your partner. Be fair.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
Make sure you do not allow too much litter to accumulate. You should ask yourself whether you may not be going off in the wrong direction. Avoid being jealous and do not lose your temper. Be sincere.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**  
You should try not to get on other people's nerves or to be boring. You should not lose sight of your objectives. Let other people express their opinions and consider them carefully. Be cordial.



## Workers remitted \$2b in '88, but ...

FILIPINO contract workers abroad sent home about \$2 billion in earnings last year, but more than half of the amount may have been lost to the black market, Labour Secretary Franklin Drilon said yesterday.

Labour officials reported that overseas workers sent \$856 million through banks in Manila in 1988, and the rest of the \$2 billion earnings could have been coaxed through unauthorised couriers who diverted the money to a thriving blackmarket at home.

The Philippines loses huge amounts of badly-needed dollars to the blackmarket each year due to lack of efficient dollar remittance schemes to service Filipino workers, officials said.

Overseas workers abroad, numbering nearly a million, were the Philippines' top dollar earners last year.

The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), an attached agency of the Department of Labour and Employment, said workers send their money home through banks, unauthorised couriers, or homebound co-workers. Most of the dollar remittances are cornered by unauthorised couriers and syndicates victimising overseas workers, officials said.

This has prompted the OWWA to initiate an alternative remittance programme which will enable overseas workers to send their money to Manila within 24 to 48 hours.

Jose Sarmiento, OWWA administrator, said the safety of the overseas workers' money is assured in the new remittance programme the Central Bank approved recently.

Sarmiento said he has already negotiated with officials of the United Arab Emirates so the government can build a remittance collection centre there which will receive overseas workers' remittances to the Philippines.



## Rice price hike

By Beth Pango

THE Philippine government plans to raise its minimum selling price of rice from P5.62 to P6 per kilo, said Agriculture Secretary Carlos Dominguez.

Private traders, anticipating the government's plan, have already raised their selling prices to at least P10 per kilo for the fancy varieties. Asked to explain the reason behind the government plan, Dominguez evaded the question. He said the price of rice is bound to go up because of "inflation."

Dominguez made no mention of President Aquino's recent agreement with the International Monetary Fund to eliminate the government's P1.3-billion annual subsidy to rice farmers and consumers.

The removal of the subsidy is part of a three-year economic programme Aquino pledged to implement in exchange for a \$1.3-billion IMF loan package. Aquino also promised to cut down on public spending and increase government revenues by raising power and water rates, among other things. With these measures, the Aquino administration hopes to improve its capacity to repay the country's \$30-billion foreign debt.

Dominguez said one of the options being considered by the Aquino administration is to raise its selling price of rice from P5.62 to P6 per kilo.

Although this may be unpopular since rice is a "political commodity," Dominguez said the government has no other option in the face of world-wide inflation.

In Thailand and Indonesia, the price of rice has gone up by 50 per cent in the last six months due to inflation, he said.

"We cannot anymore guarantee that the price will remain the same because we cannot force the price to go down," Dominguez said.

He also said farmers who constitute half of the country's 57 million population "might not plant rice anymore if the price of rice is brought down."

Dominguez told reporters the government was doing all its can to keep the increase in rice prices within the eight per cent inflation target this year.

"The goal is not to have rice prices go up faster than the normal inflation rate," Dominguez told Malacanang reporters.

"Well, our goal is to make sure that the price of rice goes up together with the price of other goods because if we do not do that, we are going to be penalizing the farmers," he added.

He said the government has to maintain the right balance between the needs of consumers and the farmers who, according to him, constitute half of the country's 57 million population.

Dominguez said another option being considered by government to stabilise rice prices is to import some 250,000 metric tons to force private traders to bring down their prices.

The option, according to sources, would run counter to austerity measures Aquino had promised the IMF she will implement.

Sources said private rice traders have taken advantage of the situation and are selling regular milled rice at more than P8 per kilo and P10 for fancy varieties.

### PBA basketball

## Beer edges Rum

DEFENDING champion San Miguel Beer, playing all Filipino in the overtime period, beat sister team Anejo Rum 65, 133-125, to push the 65ers nearer to the brink of elimination in the PBA Open Conference at the Ultra.

The win stretched the Beermen's unbeaten record to seven while the loss lowered Anejo's mark to 1-6, just three defeats away from elimination.

Anejo's last three games are against Purefoods, Shell and Alaska, teams which beat Anejo in the first round of eliminations.

Yves Dignadice's three-point play of Philip Cezar's sixth and last foul gave the Beermen a safe 129-125 lead with only a few seconds to go.

San Miguel import Michael Phelps fouled out in the dying seconds of the regulation period, leaving SMB with an all-Filipino crew.

But Anejo import Daren Queenan muffed both free throws and Dignadice charmed on the return play for a 117-115 SMB lead.

Dante Gonzalgo then sent the game into overtime with an

undergoal stab, beating the buzzer.

Earlier, Presto clinched a semifinal seat with a 140-134 victory over Formula Shell, raising its record to 5-2 and dropping Shell to 3-4.

**First game**

Presto 140 — Shell 134: Caidic 32, Victoriano 29, King 17, Cristobal 17, Resalinda 4, Saldana 2, Abbatana, Marquez 0. Israel 0, Domingillo 0.

Shell 134 — Purefoods 118: Perez 38, Cuenca 15, Mananata 11, Austria 7, Hiralde 6, A. Tardiles 6, Rota 4, De la Cruz, 4 Coloso 2, C. Tardiles 2.

Quarterscores: 36-29, 60-66, 101-96, 140-134.

**Second game**

SMB 133 — Philip 41, Reyes 24, Fernandez 20, Dignadice 18, Calma 11, Jose S. Pamaran 5, Teng 4, Graves 4, Ynuri 1.

Anejo 125 — Queenan 63, Codina 13, Mananila 12, Javoriski 11, C. Loyzaga 10, Gonzalgo 6, Cezar 5, J. Loyzaga 5, Dignadice 0, Isaac 0.

Quarterscores: 35-21, 60-41, 91-88, 117-115.

**PBA Open Conference Elimination Round**

San Miguel W L Pct. 1 0 1.000

Presto 5 2 .714

Formula Shell 3 4 .428

Alaska Milk 2 4 .333

Purefoods 2 4 .333

Anejo Rum 65 1 6 .143

# Cost of Philippines national debt: one child killed per hour

By J. Cavanaugh and R. Broad

"WHAT do you want to be when you grow up?" The question is posed on a recent UNICEF poster picturing a solemn and wide-eyed young child. The answer, in bold letters across the breadth of the poster, is jolting: "Alive."

The majority of Filipino children who are born, live and die in poverty share this simple aspiration.

According to the latest UNICEF *State of the World's Children*, close to 150,000 Filipino infants under the age of five die each year.

At present, a massive impediment to ending this senseless killing of the next generation of Filipinos can be summed up in one word: debt.

Since payments on the Philippines' enormous debt eat up 44 per cent of government spending, precious little is left for critical undertakings that would help children — from prenatal care to immunisation programmes to new schools.

It is in this context that the nation's foreign debt ceases to be an issue for experts and enters the brutal arena of life and death.

How many of those 150,000 deaths could be prevented if the government were to take decisive actions to cut back debt payments, as several senators, congressmen and citizens organizations have proposed?

By our most conservative estimate, at least 9,200 Filipino children could be saved

in one year if the Philippines reduced debt service payments to 20 per cent of export earnings.

That is: 25 children a day, or more than one child each hour.

Our calculations assume that the Department of Health would be allocated the same share of the savings from the debt cap as it currently receives in the national budget. (For those who wish to see the members: a debt cap in 1987 would have saved the government nearly P40 billion.)

The Department of Health in 1987 received 5.7 per cent of national expenditures that didn't go to debt service, a share that would give it over P2 billion of this savings.) Such debt savings would increase the health budget by over 50 per cent, permitting an acceleration in efforts to combat infant mortality.

Saving one Filipino child per hour is a major accomplishment. Yet even more children could be saved were the same P2 billion used solely for special programmes for children. UNICEF, for example, has found that it can immunize children against the main killer diseases for just a few pesos per child. Or, were the additional money used in provinces like Ifugao and Tawi-Tawi where infant mortality rates are extremely high, the added funds could save even more children.

Debt payments punish children not only by starving the health department. The educational system, for example, is also thirsting for funds.

Beyond the schools, the economy is unable to provide jobs for hundreds of thousands of new entrants into the labour force each year. A shortage of decent jobs also places heavy pressure on children to drop out of school to help supplement family incomes. As a result, an estimated two-thirds of Filipino children between the ages of 5 and 14 are in the workforce — a terrible cost to a society that will need educated people to pull the nation forward.

Exacerbating the problems of the young is the new agreement that President Aquino signed in March with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). As a result of the agreement, prices of a number of basic items, from electricity to water to rice, will rise. Increases in these prices will push up prices throughout the economy, making it even harder for families to feed, clothe and educate their children.

The IMF programme also locks the Philippines into accelerating the path of export-oriented development, a path that tears down Philippine forests for logs, destroys coral reefs for fish exports, and exhausts the soil in an attempt to squeeze out more cash crops. Here too the children of today pay dearly as they grow up in a Philippines that is increasingly devoid of precious natural resources.

Filipino children who are lucky enough to survive pay for the debt in yet one more way. Every time the Philippines gets a new loan, the total debt grows as do the yearly

interest payments. So it will be the children of today who will literally be repaying the debts in the next century.

In short, debt is ravaging the country like a war. But it is a silent war — and its main victims are the children.

To ensure a dignified future for the next generation, there is a desperate need for the Philippine government to cut back debt payment.

A number of legislators, along with a broad citizens alliance called the Freedom from Debt Coalition, have put forward responsible programmes of debt-payment reduction.

Only such a cutback can create the breathing space and the resources for a more democratic and sustainable development in the years to come.

Too often the arguments against reducing the Philippine debt are spoken in a jargon that few understand. Unfortunately, children are not given a chance to speak out in their own defence. But the next time you hear the tired technocratic arguments against changing course on debt, remember this: for every hour of continuing the present policy of repaying the debt in full, one more Filipino child dies.

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### California family gets away from it all

## Finding a new lifestyle in Luzon

By John Edward Young

SAGADA, Philippines: The De Guzman family abode doesn't look like much from the outside.

A narrow dirt path leads from the road to a small unpainted, weathered, wooden house held aloft by cement posts.

A few chickens scratch around the outhouse, and two of the seven de Guzman children are busy stacking wood beside an outdoor kiln. But at 200 pesos (about \$10) a month for rent, it's a steal.

Inside, Anne de Guzman glows with pride over her huge, wood-burning, 60-year-old cast-iron stove — it's an eye-catcher.

Otherwise, the kitchen is rather ordinary. Except — where one might expect to find a cookie jar — five pig skulls grin down from above the kitchen window.

"They were sacrificed by the owners when the house was built, sometime back in the '30s," her husband, Jamie de Guzman, offers, as he slices a cucumber. "That's typical here. We were told not to disturb them."

"Men cook where Jamie comes from," says Mrs de Guzman, giving him an encouraging pat on the back.

De Guzman, a native Filipino, and his wife, daughter of a California doctor, met in Mexico while he was on a grant studying painting. She was a student of anthropology and ceramics.

### Place

They settled for a time in Bolinas, Calif., a community Mrs de Guzman describes as "counter-culture." But a few years later — after some to-and-fro between their homelands — they decided to move permanently from the States to the Philippines to pursue mutual artistic careers.

"With five children, we were already considered 'freaks,'" Mrs de Guzman says, as David, one of five sons, politely handed out cups of tea.

But Bolinas was no place they wanted to bring up children. "It was terrible —" she continues, "able-bodied people collecting



The De Guzman family outside their home in Sagada, Luzon province, Philippines.

welfare! And children swore and had no respect for elders.

"We finally went back and moved beside Jamie's parents. It was wonderful. The weight of having a family just dropped off our shoulders."

De Guzman put aside his paint brushes as interest in ceramics grew.

For the next eight years they progressively turned their artistic hands to clay. The de Guzmans, along with another couple, set up a large ceramic studio and started a business.

As their reputation grew, so did the business. They began exhibiting in Manila and winning awards for their work. Before long, a staff of 12 was necessary to keep the factory kiln turning out pot after pot.

So with recognition came success — so much success that the de Guzmans found less and less time for their growing family.

When Mrs de Guzman got word that her oldest daughter, from an earlier marriage,

had committed suicide in the States, she was radically jolted.

"I stepped back and re-evaluated my life," she says softly. "Where am I going? I asked. 'What am I doing?' We had fallen into a feudalistic culture. I had delegated my work — and worst, I had delegated my motherhood! The message came that my first job was that of a mother."

"It was a big decision to leave a home, Jamie's family, and a successful business, but we had to do it."

So five years ago, the family moved lock, stock, and pot here to the mountain town of Sagada in northern Luzon. The tiny, one-room village, 5,000 feet above sea level, is about as far as one can get from Manila.

"One thing we found here," shouts De Guzman from the kitchen, "we plentiful, good-quality clay resources."

1989, The Christian Science Monitor.

## If it moves don't eat it

FILIPINOS are eating a lot of unsafe foods, like contaminated meat (infected with worms) as well as processed and canned foods (with animal filth or cockroaches.)

This was revealed by Dr Cecile Gonzalez, director of the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD), and Dr Bernardo Resoso, director of National Meat Inspection Commission of the Bureau of Animal Industry, at the Science Literacy Forum at Casino Espanol.

To help ease the unhealthy situation, they proposed the creation of a National Food Commission under the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAF).

Gonzalez and Resoso admitted that their respective agencies are so undermanned that they cannot handle all the food concerns of the country.

Gonzalez disclosed that most Philippine processed foods are rejected by foreign buyers because of the presence of animal filth or cockroaches.

Dr Cecile also said that she has scheduled dialogues with the US Food and Drug Administration regarding "our ethnic products," like "patis" and "bagoong" which Filipinos abroad just love but which the US authorities find foul-smelling.

Resoso said that of the 741 existing slaughter houses, only 134 are operated in a sanitary manner.

"Since most of the butchering is done at night and early morning, we cannot say with accuracy that even in the so-called sanitary abattoirs, everything is done properly, considering that water used usually come from open wells and most butchers have tuberculosis," Resoso said.

### Observed

Resoso observed that there are "double-dead" chickens and hogs contaminated with worms being sold in markets which consumers unknowingly buy.

Dr Paulo Campos, president of the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) which sponsored the forum, noted the abuse in the use of hormones and antibiotics in both poultry and piggery farms on the assumption that these are growth promoters.

## NPA rebels no pushover

SEN. Ernesto Maceda disputed the claims of top defence officials that the government was winning the war against communist rebels, saying the number of New People's Army regulars had risen to 34,500.

Maceda, chairman of the Senate Defence Committee, blamed the growth in the NPA's strength on the low priority government is giving to the anti-insurgency campaign.

"The government, from the President down, is not acting with a singleness of purpose in accepting that the insurgency is the No. 1 problem," he said in a press conference.

As this developed, the pro-administration Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino (LDP) rejected Aquino's appeal for Congress to increase the defence budget to enable the military to end the 20-year communist insurgency.

### KAPILKU meeting

THERE will be an officers' meeting on Tuesday, April 11 at the Holiday Inn hotel auditorium at 8.30 pm.

Topics to be discussed are as follows:

1. Palang Pilipino
2. Hotel & Restaurant Classes
3. Bayanihan

### Red Cross backs beauty contest

SCULPTOR Ed Castillo will design and execute the grand trophy which will be given to "Miss Philippines 1989." This was announced by the Philippine National Red Cross, sponsor of the beauty pageant.

PNRC also revealed that Castillo has waived his professional fees in favour of Red Cross. The "Miss Philippines 1989" beauty

pageant is a fund-raising activity in support of Red Cross humanitarian activities.

The sixty-six "Miss Philippines 1989" contestants from as many provinces and cities are gearing for the coronation pageant on April 15 at the Araneta Coliseum. The winners will be known during the televised ceremonies.

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- PANGKALAHATANG PAGMEMEKANIKO (GENERAL MECHANIC)
- PINTOR (PAINT RESTORER)
- LATERO (PANEL BEATER)
- DIESEL (DIESEL MECHANIC)

Kailangang nakatapos ng mataas na paaralan o 'Vocational School' at may tatlong (3) taong karanasan sa pag-gawa ng sasakyang yari sa Amerika, Hapon o Europa, makakagawa ng hindi nangangailangan ng palagiang pagtuturo, at may kakayahang sa pagsasalita ng Ingles.

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## Going Places

## Winners of Filipino singing contest

SOME won, others did not but all joined in the fun at the KAPILKU Night held at the Holiday Inn Hotel on Friday.

About 14 singers — look-alikes and sing-alikes — took part in the singing contest held by KAPILKU. For most Filipinos, music is second nature and, therefore, the judges had enough time selecting the winners.

The versatile singer Benny Perez won the first prize in the Bagong Kampeon (singing contest) with a number called *Your Closer To ...* by Mat Monro. He won by 85.5 per cent followed by Romy Alojado, whose *My Lady* by Martin Nievera got 78 per cent. Karan Singh rendered *Come What May* and walked away with the third place and 77.7 per cent votes.

The Green Grass of Home gave an edge to Tom Jones Andy Gabriel, who won the Sing-Alike contest with a score of 84.3 per cent. Mario Audio Calo sang *The Way It Used To Be* by Engelbert Humperdinck to get the second place. Elvis sing-alike Ric Galang won the heart's with his rendition of *I Can't Help Falling In Love With You*. Galang's score was 80.6 per cent.

The Bulilit Bagong Kampeon (a singing contest for children) was an instant hit with the kids. Eleven-year-old Jody de la Cruz won the first prize for her rendition, *Love Me Like The First Time*; her score was 72.2 per cent. The second place was won by 10-year-old Gem Gem Herrerias whose number *Greatest Love Of All* got her a score of 64 per cent.

Sarah Macarimbang, vice-president for social and cultural affairs, said the "Bulilit" was very popular with the children this time. She hopes it will attract more and more younger singers in coming months. Children under 16 are eligible to participate.

The guest singers included six-year-old Mary Ann Espedilla who sang *Break It To Me Gently*; Rico J. Milan Mendes, who joined the singer with a rendition of *Forever* and Baladeer Charir Abietes, who sang *Checkers*, a duet by Elmer Ladines and Steve Bushill. Kuwaiti Sultan Al Ali was the surprise guest singer and sang *Speak Softly Love*.

The panel of judges comprised KAPILKU president Manny Inserto, Clement Mesenas, Saleh Abughost GM Charlie Abietes and Marlon Bocalon.

The master of ceremonies were Milette Domingo and Homer Mesina.

The show was sponsored by Anak Restaurant.



Charlie



Gabriel (fourth left) pictured with KAPILKU president (left) KAPILKU members and other participants.



Mary Ann



Mario Calo



Benny, Jody and Gem Gem. (Photos by Javed Basra)



● Essa Mohammed Al Mazidi, minister of state for services affairs, visited the Holiday Inn Hotel stall during the Travel Expo Fair held from March 28 to April 1 at the Kuwait International Fairgrounds. Jean Abou Nohra, general manager of Holiday Inn, Kuwait, seen with the minister during the official inauguration.

## Alumni officers elected

T.K.M.C.E. Alumni Association — Kuwait Chapter — recently held their third annual general meeting and a family get-together at the Ramada Al Salam hotel.

New officers were elected unanimously for 1989/90. They are K.K. Mathew (President); Mohammed Koya (vice-president); Bijli Varghese (general secretary); and Jacob Philip Vilothu and Ashraf S.H.M. (joint-secretaries); Jagan J. Thomas (treasurer) and P.E. Thomas (auditor). The executive board members are: Mohan C.A., Shiras K.S., Santosh George, Jose Mathew, Jacob Mathew.

The new president of the Ladies Society is Mrs Rachel K. Kurien. The other members are Roshini Santhosh George; Emili Abraham, Usha Jagan Thomas and Molly Jacob Vilothu.

Outgoing President N. Sankar addressed the gathering. Children who completed their studies in Kuwait were given presents.



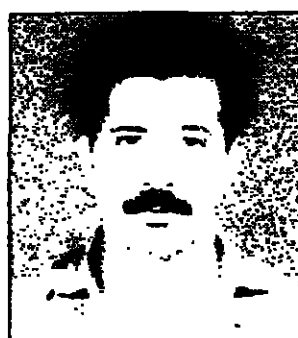
N. Sankar saying farewell. Also seen in the picture are (L-R): Dr Rachel K. Kurien, Usha J. Thomas, Molly Jacob Vilothu, K.K. Mathew and Bijli Varghese.



A view of the gathering

## Promoting Pakistan

NAWAB Salim Khan, a manager of the Rice Export Corporation of Pakistan will visit the Gulf states on a sales promotion trip. He will visit Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Muscat and the UAE. During his Gulf tour, he will hold talks with importers, advertisers and others.



Nawab Salim Khan

## Filipino fiesta

THE newly formed Filipino Cultural Club will hold a Filipino Fiesta in June. The cultural show will be held on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Philippines, said Buddy Patungan, Patungan, who heads the club, said they want to show a glimpse of the cultural heritage of their country through songs and dances.

He said they are looking for dancers, singers, backstage helpers and a large number of volunteers to put on the show.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

- 11.00 Holy Quran
- 11.30 Al Madrasah Al Mohammadia: religious serial
- 12.15 Cartoons
- 12.30 Cultural film
- 1.30 Cartoon serial
- 2.00 Al Nabi Ha Hina: historical serial, starring Mahmoud Yaseen, Madha Kameel, Amina Rizk
- 3.15 Inshallah Deeni
- 3.30 Daerat Al Naar: Arabic serial, starring Talhat Hamdi, Samar Sami, Rashid Asaf
- 4.30 Musabaqat Al Ramadan
- 5.00 Al Rihaya: Arabic serial, starring Noora, Yusuf Shaban, Salah Saadani, Ahmad Maher
- 5.50 Hadith Deeni
- 6.00 Quran Al Kareem
- 6.30 Safinah Al Asdiqah: cartoon serial
- 6.55 B'ad Al Iftar: Hadith Deeni
- 7.15 Al Tam'een: serial for children, starring Khalid Al Obeid, Ali Mufeedi, Muna Essaa
- 8.00 The story of Islam
- 8.30 Diwanat Shura Al Nabi: poetry session
- 9.30 Musabaqat Ramadan
- 10.00 News in Arabic



Glory Enough for All is tonight's best-seller at 11.30 pm on KTV 2.

## KTV 2

- 8.00 Holy Quran
- 8.10 Islamic Horizons
- 8.20 Cartoons
- 8.30 Scientific Eye: "Plants for Food." A look at plant cultivation.
- 9.00 News in English
- 9.40 Ahadith Qadsiya: religious programme
- 9.50 Murder, she Wrote: "Mourning Among the Visitors." A rich playwright's lawyer dies in mysterious circumstances. Jessica is asked to help find the killer.
- 10.30 Nature Watch: "Rudy Kingfisher." A look at a species of birds.
- 11.00 Eisenhower and Lutz: a new series about a budding lawyer and the start of his career
- 11.30 Best-Seller: "Glory Enough for All." Part One. Set in 1920s, it tells the story of the discovery of insulin.
- 1.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## BBC World Services

- 0000 Newsdesk
- 30 Summary of the Month (ex 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream)
- 0100 News Summary (ex 23rd) followed by Play of the Week: 2nd and 9th Body and Soul; 16th A Pair of Spectacles; 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The Girl in His Past (ex 2nd The Picture of Dorian Gray)
- 30 The Ken Bruce Show
- 0300 World News
- 09 News About Britain
- 15 From Our Own Correspondent
- 30 Screenplay
- 0400 Newsdesk
- 30 Sing Gospel
- 45 Worldbeat
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 40 Words of Faith
- 45 Letter from America
- 0600 Newsdesk
- 30 Jazz for the Asking
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 From Our Own Correspondent
- 45 Book Choice
- 50 Waveguide
- 0800 World News
- 09 Words of Faith
- 15 The Pleasure's Yours
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review

- 15 Nature Now
- 30 Financial Review
- 39 Book Choice
- 45 Short Story
- 1000 News Summary followed by Science in Action
- 30 In Praise of God
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 From Our Own Correspondent
- 30 Composer of the Month (ex 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream)
- 1200 News Summary (ex 23rd) followed by Play of the Week: 2nd and 9th Body and Soul; 16th A Pair of Spectacles; 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 40 Sports Roundup
- 45 Worldbeat
- 1400 News Summary followed by Leaders and Leadership
- 30 Anything Goes
- 1500 Newsdesk
- 15 Concert Hall (ex 9th Sports World)
- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Russia — The Drive to Empire
- 45 Letter from America
- 1700 World News
- 09 Book Choice

- 15 In Praise of God (ex 2nd and 9th Jazz for the Asking)
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1800 Newsdesk
- 30 2nd and 9th In Praise of God: 16th and 30th Composer of the Month: 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream
- 1900 News Summary (ex 23rd) followed by Play of the Week (ex 2nd and 9th Here's Humph): 16th A Pair of Spectacles; 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream
- 15 Time Will Tell
- 2000 World News
- 09 Worldbeat
- 25 Words of Faith
- 30 My Music
- 2100 News Summary followed by Sports Roundup
- 15 The Pleasure's Yours

## Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Beteen-e-Qaul
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Ek Khayal Ek Gori
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Gori Kahani
- 2100 Closedown

## CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus**  
Night of the Creeps  
Starring: Jason, Steve Marshall, Jill Tyler
- Al Salami**  
Taming of the Scrooge  
Starring: Adriano Seintano
- Al Hamra**  
Urban Warriors  
Starring: Karl Langdon, Deborah Keith
- Drive-in**  
Al Duniya Jinah Yamama (Arabic)  
Starring: Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Mervat Ameen
- Al Firdous**  
Makkaar (Hindi)  
Starring: Rajesh Roshan, Bindiya Goswami
- Fahadhel Open-air**  
Balidaan (Hindi)  
Al Fahadhel
- Rat Boy**  
Al Jabra
- Sanam Teri Kasam** (Hindi)

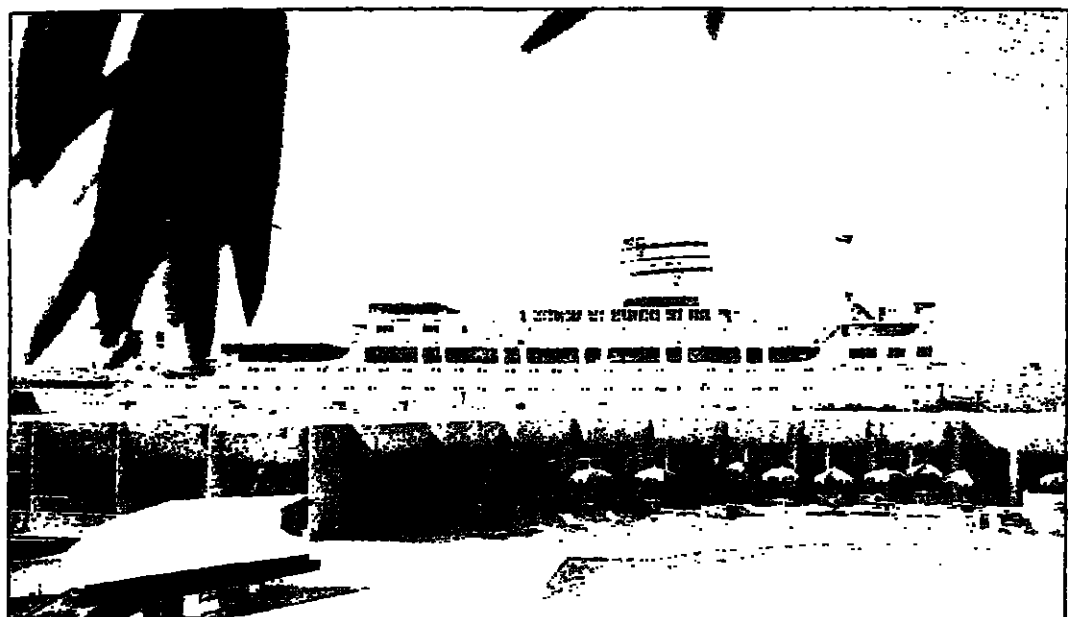
- Granada**  
Haathon ki Lakirein (Hindi)  
Sulabhkhat
- French Film**  
Al Jeeb
- Ek hi Bhool** (Hindi)  
Ahmadi Drive-in Convooy

## PRAYERS

- Fajr 4.07 am
- Zuhr 11.50
- Asr 3.23 pm
- Maghreb 6.12
- Isha 7.30

## RAMADAN TIMINGS

- Imsak 3.57 am
- Ifar 6.12 pm



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## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Ghadir Gallery**  
UNTIL April 13: Yemeni artist Abdullah Al Amin will show his latest paintings at the Ghadir Gallery, Sathiya Complex. The exhibition will be open from 9 am to 12.00 noon and 7-10 pm.

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
RAMADAN timings: Sat - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7-10 pm. Collection of Islamic art, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world on show.

**Sadu House**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

## THEATRE

**Hindi play**  
MAY 4/5: 8 pm. Sharq Cooperative Society. Natya Bharati presents Hindi play entitled 'Bin Baati ke Deep' followed by dinner catered by Caesars. For entry and dinner passes contact Tel: 4880965; 5623810; 3725627.

## CINEMA

**British Council**  
April 15/16. (6.30 pm): To the Lighthouse, a film version of Virginia Woolf's novel. It is this month's feature film. It is summer of 1912 and the Ramsey family is once again on holiday in Cornwall. Six-year-old James' ambition to go to the lighthouse is constantly thwarted by his father. The children begin to resent their tyrannical father and the family slowly breaks up after the death of Mrs

Ramsey. Ten years later, the family returns to Cornwall to a very different atmosphere. Starring: Michael Cough and Rosemary Harris. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533203; 2533227.

## SOCIAL

**Summer Affair '89**  
FIRST Day of Eid: The Weekend Club will host the Summer Affair '89 at Regency Palace Hotel. Top Bands and Perfect Strangers in attendance. Highlights include Summer Queen contest, gala buffet dinner. Tel: Hilary Barretto — 5741380.

**Kuwait Little Theatre**  
April 20: KLT, Ahmadi, will present entertainment to celebrate the St Georges Day at Unity Centre, Ahmadi, in the presence of the British ambassador. Tickets KD2 including buffet. Tel: 3983724, 3985964, 3919759.

**Bayanhan**  
APRIL 21: A get-together for KAPILKU members will be held at the Church Hall from 2.30 to 6.30 pm. All Filipinos are welcome. Free admission.

**Remo's Show**  
MAY 11: The Expatriates Club will hold a dinner-musical at the SAS Hotel. Remo, India's pop-star will give a recital. Bands in attendance: City Limits and Perfect Strangers. For further information contact 2415439.

**Casuals Cricket Club**  
MAY 18: 8 pm, Messilah Beach Hotel: Annual dinner with special guest speaker Brian Close, former captain of England and Yorkshire. Live music. For tickets and information call Simon Clements — 5333248; or Val Tudball — 5327159.

## HOTELS

**At the International**  
LA PALMA: Ifar buffet from a different country each week: begins in Egypt and goes on to Saudi Arabia, the Emirates and Kuwait. It will be open from 6 pm to 3 am for suboor.

**At the Plaza**  
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## Rosario to visit Kuwait

A GOAN singer Alexandre Rosario who has become a sensation in his native Goa has been invited to sing at the May Queen contest on May 11. Alexandre, who has sung several solo numbers in the last two decades, will perform at the Messilah Beach Hotel with Top Ranks and Next of Kin in attendance. (For details see what's on).

● All entries to the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.



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**RIQUL**, Area 1, Street 1, furnished accommodation, for a small family or 2/3 persons to share with a Pakistani bachelor. Tel. 4887865, 9 am - 1 pm, 8 pm - 12 midnight. (AT2-46811-3)

**SALMIYA**, near the Indian School, single room for a bachelor, from May 1. Tel. 5714016, after 4 pm. (AT1-46793-3)

**NUGRA**, one room in a two bedroom flat for a small family, working lady or a bachelor. Indian preferred, to share with an Indian family. Tel. Mr. Mirza, 4810654, 7-11am, 2656769 after 11 am. (AT6-46769-3)

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## SERVICES

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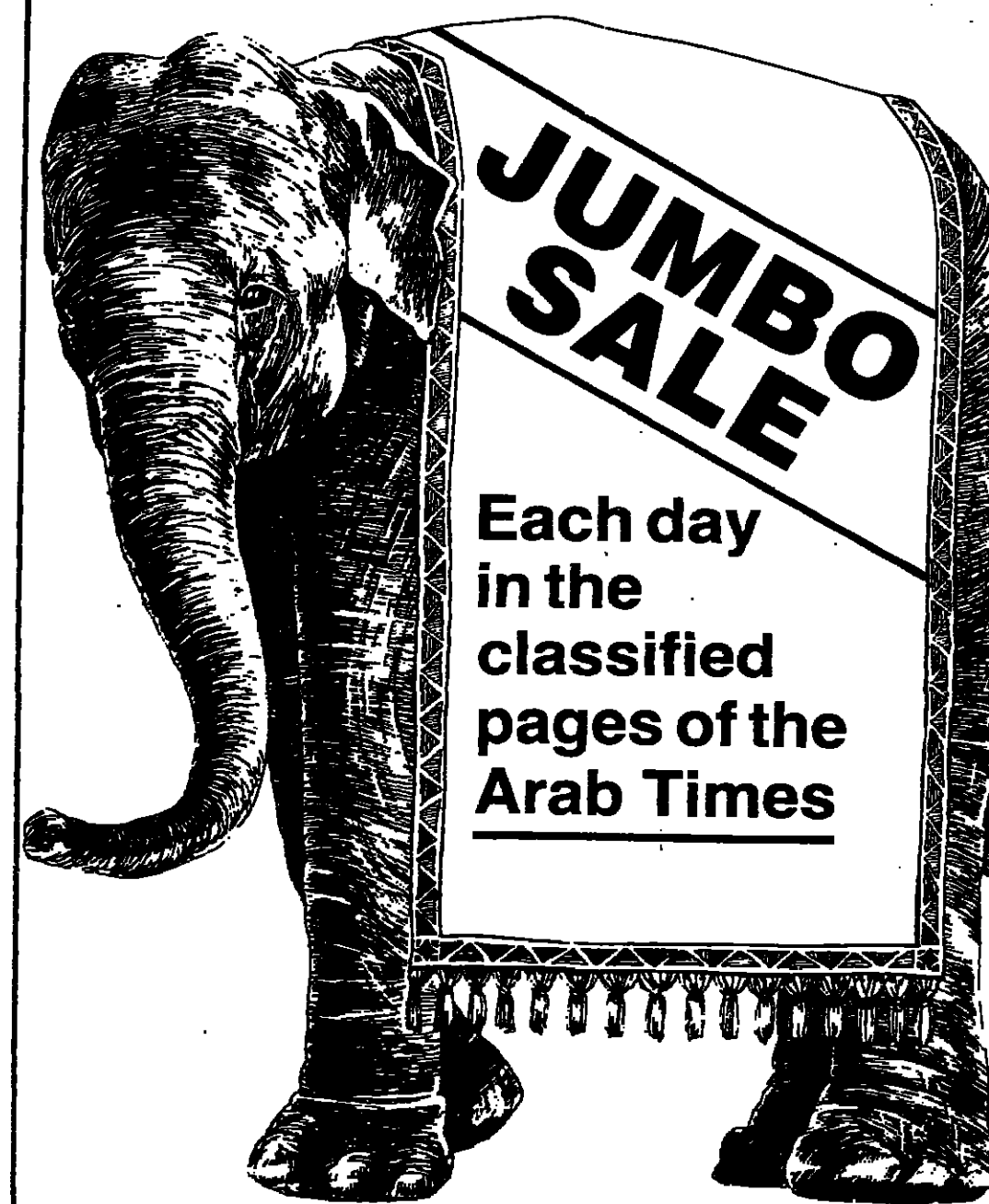
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## Australia and West Germany gain ties

## Agassi and McEnroe lead US to victory in Davis Cup

SAN DIEGO, April 8, (Agencies): Regaining control after a third set lapse, Andre Agassi beat Henri Leconte 6-1 6-2 5-7 6-1 to give the United States a commanding 2-0 lead over France in their Davis Cup World Group quarterfinal tie yesterday.

Earlier John McEnroe, at the height of his craft, crushed Yannick Noah 6-3 6-4 6-1 in the opening match of the tie.

Leading comfortably 5-2 in the third set, Agassi wasted four match point chances and lost five consecutive games and the set.

But after the 10-minute intermission between the third and fourth sets he quickly regained control of the match with his groundstroke winners.

"I came out for the fourth set with the attitude that I would rather be up 2-1 in sets than 2-1 down and came out determined to make the guy work for every point," Agassi said after winning on his sixth match point when Leconte missed a backhand.

**Lead**  
The US goes for an unbeatable 3-0 lead today with their unbeaten cup doubles team of Ken Flach and Robert Seguso facing Leconte and Noah.

In another quarterfinal tie, Horst Skoff beat Mats Wilander in five sets lasting over six hours as Australia gained a 1-1 first day tie with former champions Sweden.

Holders West Germany were level at 1-1 with Czechoslovakia while Yugoslavia led Spain 2-0.

Agassi was cruising against Leconte, playing what he called his best tennis ever before losing his grip from 5-2 ahead in the third set.

Agassi pointed to his opponent's sudden outburst of brilliant shotmaking as the factor that shook his stranglehold on the match.

Leconte said later: "I was trying to come in often to the net and take some risks."

Agassi had, however, opened the way for Leconte with a careless error on his first match point at 5-2. Hoping to end with an ace, Agassi tried two hard serves but double-faulted and went on to lose his serve.

**Error**  
Two games later, serving at 5-4, Agassi had a 40-0 and triple match point. Leconte responded by saving the first with a backhand winner, forcing an Agassi error on the second and then hitting a volley winner on the last.

"All you can do is play him when he hits shots like that," Agassi said.

With his confidence flying, Leconte won the next two points to break serve for 5-5. Two games later Leconte broke again for the set 7-5.

McEnroe's masterpiece lasted one hour and 55 minutes and evoked comparisons with his form during his reign as the world number one in 1981-84.

"It was very satisfying," McEnroe said. "I don't need to convince myself any further that I can play well against anybody."

"I did what you like to do to any player and that is confuse him and make him not sure what to do," said McEnroe, whose Davis Cup singles won-loss record of 38-7 is his country's best.

Said Noah: "I just had my butt kicked. What can I say, I felt like I was just there to make him look good."

**Nervous**  
After a slow and nervous opening, McEnroe caught fire in the eighth game of the first set and never looked back.

"Once I got that service break in the eighth game, everything clicked in, everything went well," McEnroe said.

He dominated every aspect. He served 10 aces, Noah had three. Noah also committed five double faults. McEnroe broke serve five times. Noah managed to win just 14 points off McEnroe's serve and never had a break point.

Noah's best moment was in the opening game, when he attacked McEnroe's serve in the first game and forcing two deuces.

The winning team plays a semifinal from July 21-23 against the winner of the Czechoslovakia-West Germany tie.

To reach the quarterfinal round, the United States blanked Paraguay 5-0 and France beat Israel 4-1.

**Won**  
In Prague, former Wimbledon champion Boris Becker and Milan Srejber won the opening singles to put West Germany and Czechoslovakia 1-1 on the first day of their Davis Cup World Group quarterfinal tie yesterday.

Becker gave holders West Germany the lead after beating Czechoslovakia 7-6 (7-5) 6-4 6-4, but Srejber pulled Czechoslovakia back with a 7-5 6-4 6-3 win over Carl-Uwe Steeb.

Becker disposed of a gallant Novacek despite trailing 2-0 in the tie break of the first set and going 3-0 and 15-40 down in the



Agassi: beats Leconte

second. The West German clinched the match with his 20th ace. "I was luckier in the tie break, but I had to be mentally tough in the second set," Becker said.

"My slice shots and volleys improved as the game went on and that helped me through."

Novacek, ranked 73rd in the world rankings to Becker's fourth, had been called in for the injured Czechoslovak number one Miloslav Mecir.

He sat among the 13,000 spectators, more than 3,000 of them West Germans.

The tall Srejber played his usual serve-and-volley game, making full use of his wide arm-span to beat the more baseline-minded Steeb in one hour 42 minutes.

**Pressure**  
"It was important for me to hold my serve, but I did not really feel under any great pressure," Srejber said after the match.

"This was the first time I ever played Steeb, but he never made me give more than a mediocre performance."

In today's doubles Becker will probably team up with Eric

Jelen, but Czechoslovak team captain Frantisek Pala may now decide to call on Srejber instead of veteran Tomas Smid to partner Petr Korda.

In Buenos Aires, Alberto Mancini and Guillermo Perez Roldan easily swept their singles matches yesterday to give Argentina a 2-0 lead over Canada in the American Zone Group I semifinal of the Davis Cup.

In the morning, Alberto Mancini beat a tenacious but outmatched Andrew Sznajder, 6-4, 6-3 and 6-3. The Association of Tennis Professionals ranks Mancini No 30 and Sznajder No 119.

In the afternoon, under a warm fall sun at the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club, Perez Roldan gave up only five games in thrashing Martin Laurendeau, 6-1, 6-4 and 6-0. Roldan is ranked No 16 in the world and Laurendeau, 194.

"We were expecting this kind of performance from the Argentine team," Laurendeau said.

**Advantage**  
Perez Roldan predicted the Argentines would win the doubles match today and thus advance a step closer to the world

group of 16 teams that will compete for the 1990 Davis Cup. "We have a good enough team to get back into the top 16," he said.

Canada's top player, Glenn Michibata, injured his forearm in the recent Lipton International Players Championships, and sat out the singles matches.

Michibata was scheduled to play doubles today.

The winner in the best-of-five-match series will join seven other zonal finalists and the eight first-round losers from last year's world group of 16.

In Split, Yugoslavia, Goran Ivanisevic put Yugoslavia ahead and Slobodan Zivojinovic sealed his lead yesterday with a 2-0 margin over Spain in singles competition in their World Group Davis Cup quarterfinal match.

Ivanisevic defeated Spain's Sergio Casal 6-3, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 and Slobodan Zivojinovic beat Spain's No 1 Emilio Sanchez 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5).

Zivojinovic served 20 aces. But Sanchez, ranked No 16 by the Association of Tennis Professionals, battled back with his own powerful service and the Yugoslav needed two hours to

wrap up his victory.

The battle between two big servers was decided by Zivojinovic's better all-court game. The Yugoslav, ranked No 32 in the world, produced an ace or a winning shot every time he came under pressure and took the big points of the match.

"With a 2-0 lead, I am confident of winning" the best-of-five-match competition, Zivojinovic said.

In the opening match, Ivanisevic, ranked no. 81 on the ATP list, cruised through the first set in 45 minutes, scoring with well-placed passing shots as Casal sought to come to the net.

Casal, 80th in the world, rallied in the second set as his first serve became more accurate. Ivanisevic made a string of unforced errors, his passing shots going wide or ending in the net.

The Yugoslav also double-faulted several times as his serve deserted him.

The third set was the hardest fought and the longest. Casal played well at the baseline, but had trouble with his volleys, while Ivanisevic capitalized on his strong serve and volley game.

Ivanisevic broke Casal's serve twice in the final set before closing the 3-hour, 5-minute match with a cross-court backhand that the Spaniard could not return.

**Artificial**

The match, watched by about 3,000 fans, was played on an artificial indoor court at Split's Gripe Sports Hall.

Sanchez and Casal will meet Zivojinovic and Goran Pryic in the doubles scheduled today.

In Colombo, Sri Lanka took a 2-0 lead over Taiwan in the second round of the Asia Oceania Zone II Davis Cup tournament.

In the first singles, Sri Lankan Arjun Fernando beat Hsu Hsueh Jung, while in the second singles Umesh Walloppillai got the better of Wu Chang Kung.

Fernando won the first set 7-6, (7-1), which went onto a tie-breaker. In the 9th and 10th games of the first set, Fernando had five aces.

Fernando won the second set with ease, losing only the seventh game to Jung.

Jung took an early 2-0 lead in the third set, but Fernando bounced back to first full even and then forged ahead and clinch the set and the match 7-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Umesh Walloppillai, Sri Lanka's teenage tennis star, took 85 minutes to demolish Taiwan's No. 1, Wu Chang Kung.

Rung took a 3-0 lead in the first set, but Walloppillai fought back valiantly to take the set 6-3.

**Chance**

Walloppillai did not give a chance to his opponent in the second set, which he won 6-0.

In the third set, Rung led 2-0, but Walloppillai playing at his best levelled the scores.

Rung won two more set points, before Walloppillai made a come back to win the decisive set point and clinch the match.

This was Sri Lanka's 37th Davis Cup appearance and the second against Taiwan.

The last time the two countries met was in January 1985 when Taiwan triumphed 5-0.

The doubles will be played today and the reverse singles tomorrow.

## Family Circle Magazine Cup

## Graf and Navratilova advance to semifinals

HILTON Head Island, South Carolina, April 8, (AP): Top-ranked Steffi Graf advanced to the semifinals of the \$300,000 Family Circle Magazine Cup yesterday by defeating Radka Zrubakova of Czechoslovakia 6-2, 6-1.

Second-ranked Martina Navratilova also advanced to today's semifinals, beating eighth-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Australia 6-2, 7-5.

Today's semifinals will pit Navratilova against fourth-seeded Natalia Zvereva, who defeated fellow Soviet Leila Meskhi, 6-3, 6-2.

"I don't really know how she's playing right now. I can't say anything special about her weakness.... I would say I will try to do my best tomorrow," Zvereva said of Navratilova.

Graf is scheduled to play No. 7 seed Arantxa Sanchez of Spain in the semifinals. Sanchez defeated Linda Ferrando of Italy, 7-5, 6-1.

Graf, the top seed, waited out a 2 1/2-hour rain delay and needed just 47 minutes to defeat her unseeded opponent on the windswept, clay courts at the Sea Pines Racquet Club.

Zrubakova, who turned pro last January and is already ranked No. 35 in the world, won the second and fifth games of the first set, successfully jumping on Graf's power serve through much of the set.

But Graf, the winner of the 1988 grand slam and this year's Australian Open, served two aces in the first set and wore Zrubakova down with sharp forehands and passing shots.

"You have to take every point because of the wind. You have to do a lot of footwork and be really well prepared," Graf said.

"You never take those matches easy," Graf said of Zrubakova and her early-round oppon-



Graf: meets Sanchez

ents. But "I know this is where I need to play right now."

Graf defeated Ros Fairbank of South Africa and Regina Rajchrtova of Czechoslovakia to advance to the quarterfinals.

Navratilova, the second seed, defeated Mandlikova in 74 minutes, dominating the net. But she also acknowledged having trouble with the wind.

"It's hard to figure out who's playing well because of the conditions," Navratilova said. "It's just really ridiculous, the conditions out there."

"I was in slightly better shape in the wind than she was because my toss is lower than hers on my serve and because my ground strokes are shorter," added Navratilova, the holder of 17 grand slam singles titles.

Navratilova advanced to the quarterfinals after defeating Laura Gildemeister of Peru and 10th-seeded Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden earlier in the week.

With Navratilova, the defending champion, still in the tournament, Graf said she can't afford to let down her guard.

"It's going to be much tougher, you know, it's more competition," said Graf, who won the tournament in 1986 and 1987.

## Dixton House named as co-favourite to win

LIVERPOOL, England, April 8, (AP): A 10-year-old horse that has been troubled by lameness and until recently couldn't stop putting on weight could start as favourite to win the world's most gruelling steeplechase today.

Dixton House, which has raced only twice in the last two years, was named yesterday as the 8 to 1 co-favourite for the £105,000 (\$180,600) Grand National at Aintree race course.

When Dixton House returned to its stables this season after the summer, the horse's insatiable appetite had swelled its weight by more than 400 pounds. To slim the horse down, its handlers organized an intensive training programme that resulted in a frame of power and muscle.

Those qualities could prove crucial on a track that probably will resemble a quagmire after three days of driving snow, sleet and rain that would have made steeplechase racing impossible anywhere else in the country.

"The course has absorbed well over an inch of rain," said Bob Davies, assistant clerk of Aintree. "We might have been in trouble on any other track but since there is racing only once a year here at Aintree and a tremendous covering of Grass, we shall be all right."

The other 8 to 1 co-favourite is Durham Edition, runner-up

second last year after being nipped at the post by Rhyme N' Reason, a non-runner this time.

As the rain intensified, three of the original entries pulled out because of the certain heavy going. Mr Frisk, Castle Warden and the Langhorn Dyer were all withdrawn, leaving 40 likely starters to face the 30 fearsome fences.

Experts said the wet, testing conditions could produce the lowest number of finishers since 1982 when only eight of the 39 starters managed to complete the two required circuits of the 4 1/2-mile course.

**Hopes**  
But as the rain fell, Irish hopes soared of producing that country's first Grand National winner for 14 years.

Irish-trained horses are used to running in wet weather and seven of them are among today's starters.

"Punters are looking at the weather and deciding today's race might end in an Irish victory for the first time since L'Escargot won in 1975," said Wally Pyrah of the Corals Bookmaking Firm.

Leading the Irish challenge is County Tipperary trainer "Mouse" Morris who will have three runners - Lastofthebrowns (CQ), Attitude Adjuster and Cranlome, all of which have experienced the big race.

## Ljubojevic leads in chess

BARCELONA, Spain, April 8, (AP): Nigel Short of Britain won two adjourned matches played yesterday and moved up to second place in the standings of the World Chess Cup behind Ljubomir Ljubojevic of Yugoslavia.

Nigel Short defeated Jesus Nogueiras of Cuba and Miguel Illescas of Spain in the two adjourned matches.

Ljubojevic led the standings with 5.5 points followed by Short with 4.5 after seven matches.

Tallying four points were Arthur Yusupov, Soviet Union;

Johan Hjartarson, Iceland; and Robert Hugner, West Germany.

Yasser Seirawan, US, Viktor Korchnoi, Switzerland; an Boris Spasski, France, had 3.5 points.

Garry Kasparov, Soviet Union; Valery Salov, Soviet Union; Alexander Beliavsky, Soviet Union; and Illescas had three points.

Zoltan Ribli, Hungary; Predag Nolic, Yugoslavia; and Rafael Vaganian, Soviet Union, had 2.5 points.

Jonathan Speelman, Britain, and Nogueiras had two points.

## Former Olympian diver dead

DETROIT, April 8, (AP): Betty Becker Pinkston Campbell, winner of two gold medals in springboard and platform diving during the 1924 and 1928 Olympic games, has died in a Detroit hospital.

Campbell, who also taught swimming at the Detroit Golf Club and Detroit Yacht Club and started swim meets for Metro Detroit clubs in the 1930s, was 86.

She died Thursday of congestive heart failure in St John Hospital.

Campbell also won national and local titles during the '20s.

She was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame and the Helms Athletic Hall of Fame in Los Angeles. She stayed active in swimming until 1984, when she became blind.

She was married to Olympic diver Clarence Pinkston. They became the first couple to win gold medals in the same sport in the 1928 games in Amsterdam.

Pinkston died in 1961, and three years later she married Harvey Campbell, who died in 1965.

Survivors include two children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## Norway qualified for next year's A-pool

OSLO, Norway, April 8, (AP): Norway, a C-pool team only three years ago, tied France 1-1 (0-0, 0-1, 1-0) yesterday in B-pool competition and qualified for next year's A-pool World Ice Hockey Championships for the first time in 25 years.

Jon Magne Karlstad scored Norway's memorable goal with only 6:21 minutes left to play of the sixth round B-pool match after Christian Pouget gave France a 1-0 lead 6 minutes, 31 seconds into the second period.

More than 5,000 fans attended the exciting and hard-fought match in Oslo's Jordal Amfi ice hall where France had 25 and Norway 24 shots on goal.

One point was sufficient for Norway to clinch the B-pool victory. Undefeated Norway, which has 11 points in six games, plays Switzerland in the final round tomorrow.

Italy, now runner-up with nine points, beat Denmark 6-0 (1-0, 3-0, 2-0) yesterday in another sixth round match but Italy lost

1-3 to Norway in an earlier round. Italy plays East Germany tomorrow.

France, now out of contention, has seven points before playing Austria tomorrow.

Switzerland, the pre-tournament favorite, has six points with two games left to be played, against Austria today and Norway tomorrow.

**Horse plague**  
SEVILLE, Spain, April 8, (Reuters): An outbreak of the killer African horse plague, which threatened holding of the equestrian events at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, is over, the regional government of Andalusia said yesterday.

It said there had been no new cases for two months. A total of 234 horses died and 33,000 were vaccinated in the outbreak, which began last October and centered on the southern Andalusian province of Cadiz.

## New York State plans to blow New Zealand's Americas Cup win

NEW YORK, April 8, (Reuters): New York State plans to blow New Zealand's courtroom victory of the Americas Cup out of the water.

A spokesman for state attorney-general Robert Abrams said yesterday he would appeal against the March 28 decision in which a New York court took yachting's premier prize from the San Diego Yacht Club and handed it to New Zealand.

State Supreme Court Justice Carmen Ciparick said the race between the swift catamaran Stars and Stripes and New Zealand banker Michael Fay's 133-foot (40.5 metre) sloop was a "gross mismatch."

**Appeal**  
She ordered San Diego to forfeit the cup it won easily at sea and gave it to Fay's boat, which is named "New Zealand."

David Fishlow, a spokesman for Abrams, said New York would go to court once Ciparick signed her decision.

The decision follows an announcement by San Diego on Monday that it would appeal against the decision. The two appeals would be joined together in a suit to be filed with the appellate division of New York Supreme Court.

Fishlow said the attorney-general was entering the case because the "deed of gift" which set up yachting's most famous race in 1851 was filed in New York.

The New York attorney-general acts as legal protector of the beneficiaries of charitable trusts.

Fishlow said New York State did not believe the race was a mismatch or that the "deed of gift" barred catamarans from racing against yachts. But even if it did, he said Ciparick should have ordered a new race, not a forfeit.

**Procedures**  
"A forfeit was too drastic," he said.

Court procedures require the papers to be filed by 30 days after the judge signs her ruling. Arguments would then be heard

in the appellate division of the New York Supreme Court in September, with a decision sometime in 1990.

The next America's Cup series is due to be held in 1991. If the judge's ruling stands the race would be in New Zealand, but it would revert to San Diego if it won its appeal.

The feud between the San Diego Yacht Club and New Zealand's Mercury Bay Boating Club began when San Diego failed to set guidelines for the next series after winning the cup in 1987, allowing Fay to set his own rules for the challenge.

Fay called for a race that in essence returned to the huge yachts of the early years of the America's Cup instead of the 12-metres which had been sailed in the past 50 years.

As Fay had a huge lead in the technology and development of such a yacht, San Diego decided to defend the trophy with a multi-hulled vessel, arguing this was permitted under its interpretation of the "deed of gift."

The next day, Ingemar came up to me and whispered, "Andy, I have lost my voice."

"I remember," Stenmark interjected, "that your voice was fine the next day." Wenzel said, "I told Ingemar then, 'we can't keep up with you on the race course, but you can't keep up with us when it comes to drinking.'"

The press conference was a multi-layered affair, with remarks translated into Swedish, German, Italian and English for the estimated 160 journalists.

The racers filled the dead time with some horsplay. Inevitably led by the jolly Italians.

They were at their best during the unique draw for start numbers for today's race. In the serious business of World Cup racing, team managers take care of drawing start numbers for their racers. But this was to be a race for fun and so the racers came up with their own fun way of determining the start order.

## Stenmark's farewell is official

SALEN, Sweden, April 8, (AP): As news conferences go, the one staged yesterday at his mother's ski area did not yield much information. The big news already was well known: Ingemar Stenmark was here for a final tribute from his countrymen.

Swedes throughout the country lived and died with Stenmark doing a remarkable 16-year career of World Cup ski racing, and that is perhaps his greatest legacy. He converted a nation of cross-country skiers into devotees of Alpine racing, then gave them 16 years of thrills.

**Greatest**  
Now, after 270 races and an unprecedented 86 victories, one of the ski areas that thrived under the Swedish passion for Alpine racing opened its doors for a week celebration dubbed the "Ingemar races."

Sweden is not alone in hailing skiing's greatest winner, as shown by the luminaries who joined Stenmark for the news conference.

On hand were 21 other World Cup racers, including former World Cup overall champions

Gustavo Thoeni and Piero Gros of Italy and Andreas Wenzel of Liechtenstein, Olympic double gold medalist Alberto Tomba of Italy and Austria's Rudi Nierlich, winner of two gold medals in the recent World Alpine Ski Championships at Vail, Colorado.

All told, the group accounted for 104 World Cup victories and 26 Olympic and world championships medals. Add Stenmark's victory total and they represented more than a quarter of all the races won since the World Cup was organized 23 years ago.

**Birthday**  
Stenmark, always taciturn, seemed somewhat ill at ease over all the eulogies, allowing that it was "a little embarrassing" to hear all the other racers say such nice things about him.

Wenzel volunteered that he had once found a weak spot in Stenmark's makeup.

"We both have the same birthday, March 18, and in 1980 we were together at Saalbach, Austria," he said. "The season was

over and so we went into a bar and had a lot



Azharuddin plays in vital role against W. Indies

# Manjrekar helps India to fight back

BRIDGETOWN, April 8. (Reuters): A magnificent unbeaten 93 by Sanjay Manjrekar in only his third Test innings was largely responsible for a fine fightback by India against the West Indies yesterday.

They ended the first day of the second Test on 281 for seven after being 68 for four soon after lunch.

Manjrekar featured in three good stands—with Mohammed Azharuddin (71 in 18 overs), Kapil Dev (79 in 12 overs), and Arshad Ayub (an unbroken 62). Azharuddin's 61 was also an innings vital to the Indian recovery.

## Hitting

Manjrekar, whose father Vijay made 51 in the 1962 Bridgetown Test, batted for over four hours hitting 13 fours.

Ian Bishop, in his second Test, was the pick of the West Indian bowlers, taking four for 69 from 18 overs.

He consistently moved the ball away from the bat on a greasy wicket which was difficult early on but became easier later thanks to the lack of pace in it.

Marshall, needing three wickets to break Lance Gibbs' West Indian record of 309, was well below his best, claiming his solitary victim in the 15th over, although he beat the bat several times and bowled two yards quicker at his arch-enemy Dilip Vengsarkar.

## Caught

India made a disastrous start, losing their first three wickets for only 27 in the first 20 overs.

Bishop took the first two, having been wicketless on his test debut in the rain-ridden first Test.

Arun Lal (eight) went to the young Trinidadian's first ball of the day which was a perfect leg-cutter pitching off-stump and moving away to take the edge to

wicketkeeper Jeffrey Dujon.

Ravi Shastri was out in Bishop's fourth over to a poor shot when he played needlessly at a wishy outswinger.

Three overs later Navjot Sidhu, who had played the new ball with a good deal of determination batting 82 minutes for his nine, was caught at first slip at chest height by Viv Richards after Courtney Walsh had got a ball to lift and straighten.

Vengsarkar went for 20, throwing his wicket away as he ambled back for a second run. Curtly Ambrose hit the stumps from long leg with a magnificent throw.

India were brought back into the match by a spirited fifth wicket stand between Azharuddin and Manjrekar, who both attacked anything loose.

Kapil made a typically aggressive 34 but was overshadowed by Manjrekar, who played brilliantly off his legs.

Kapil, having pulled Bishop for one of his five fours, was out next ball to a catch at the second attempt by Richie Richardson.

## Scoreboard

INDIA first innings  
Arun Lal c Dujon b Bishop ..... 8  
N. Sidhu c Richards b Walsh ..... 9  
R. Shastri c Richardson b Bishop ..... 6  
D. Vengsarkar run out ..... 20  
M. Azharuddin c Ambrose b Bishop 61  
S. Manjrekar not out ..... 93  
Kapil Dev c Richardson b Bishop ..... 34  
K. More c Dujon b Marshall ..... 1  
A. Ayub not out ..... 25  
Extras (b-2 lb-5 nb-17) ..... 24  
Total (for seven wickets) ..... 281

Fall of wickets: 1-14 2-22 3-27 4-68 5-139 6-218 7-219.

To bat: N. Feroze, C. Sharma  
Bowling to date: Marshall 18-4-50, J. Ambrose 21-4-79-0, Bishop 18-5-69-4, Walsh 18-3-58-1, Richards 9-3-18-0.

West Indies: Gordon Greenidge, Desmond Haynes, Richie Richardson, Viv Richards (captain), Graeme Leggie, Keith Arthurton, Jeff Dujon, Malcolm Marshall, Curtly Ambrose, Courtney Walsh, Ian Bishop.



Azharuddin: 61 runs

## Botham hits six but Worcestershire suffer defeat

BRISBANE, Australia, April 8. (Reuters): England all-rounder Ian Botham, continuing his comeback after being out for nearly a year with a back injury, drove a mighty six but could not save Worcestershire from defeat here today.

Botham made 21 in a 25-ball innings as Worcestershire, restricted to 167 for seven in their 50 overs, lost by 88 runs. They were replying to Queensland's 255 for four which included a superb 115, not out by opener Peter Cantrell.

With Botham and Graeme Hick, who made 18, failing to score heavily, Worcestershire were unable to pick up the pace of their innings after openers Tim Curtis (32) and Norman (31) laboured to 55 in 22 overs.

Botham was expected only to bat in the first of two one-day matches against Queensland and surprised even some teammates when he stepped up to bowl. His 10 overs off a six or seven pace approach cost 29 runs.

## Liverpool storm to top of UK League

LIVERPOOL, England, April 8. (Reuters): Liverpool stormed to the top of the English First Division today, overpowering Sheffield Wednesday 5-1 before rivals Arsenal entered the action later in the day.

Liverpool, playing early to avoid a clash with horse racing's Grand National at nearby Aintree, edged ahead of Arsenal on goal difference, joining the London club on 60 points from 31 games.

Steve McMahon opened the Liverpool tally in the eighth minute and fellow-England international Peter Beardsley made it 2-0 three minutes before the interval.

Ireland's Ray Houghton headed the third 12 minutes into the second half. Beardsley notched his second nine minutes later and England winger John Barnes completed the rout 10 minutes from the final whistle.

Dean Barrick scored a consolation goal for Wednesday two minutes after Beardsley's second strike.

Arsenal were starting battle at their Highbury ground against Liverpool's City rivals Everton less than two hours after Liverpool had demolished Wednesday.

## Maradona ruled out

NAPLES, Italy, April 8. (Reuters): Diego Maradona of Napoli has been ruled out of tomorrow's vital Italian League match at defending champions AC Milan with a thigh strain.

The Argentine star, who interrupted a three-week injury break on Wednesday to boost Napoli to a 2-0 UEFA Cup semifinal first leg victory against Bayern Munich, failed to leave Naples with the squad today.

## Olympic champion Yoo's table tennis hopes end

DORTMUND, West Germany, April 8. (Reuters): Yoo Nam Kyu's dreams of adding the world table tennis crown to his Olympic title were brought to an abrupt halt by China's Xu Xingcai today.

Xu, ranked 25th in the world, beat the South Korean 17-21 21-10 21-17 21-19 in the fourth round to reach a quarterfinal tie with Swede Jorgen Persson later today.

Left-handed penholder Yoo, the 1986 Asian champion, looked a shadow of the man who delighted the crowds in Seoul with his Olympic victory.

## Drew

He moved ahead only once in the final game, for 19-18. But Xu, 27, drew level and, with a yell of triumph, clinched victory on his first match point.

With Yoo gone, only defending champion Jiang Jialiang of China and Swede Jang-Ove Waldner, the 1987 runner-up, remained from the top four seeds.

Waldner had an easy fourth round win over Japanese champion Kiyoshi Saitoh, setting up a quarterfinal against Hungarian veteran Tibor Klampar, an 18-21 21-16 21-11 21-19 winner over fellow-seed Zoran Primorac of Yugoslavia.

"I am a real outsider against Waldner," admitted Klampar.

## Broad given chance of England rehabilitation



Chris Broad: fresh approach

LONDON, April 8. (Reuters): England opener Chris Broad, whose controversial on-field behaviour and loss of form led to him being dropped, has the chance to re-establish his Test career under his country's first approach to Test cricket.

He has been named by England's new cricket committee in a squad of 19 for a first-ever pre-season session at Lord's next week as part of their preparations for the Ashes Series against Australia.

## Unhappy

Broad endured an unhappy 12 months starting in late 1987. He was reprimanded for failing to walk when given out in a Test in Lahore, was fined for knocking down the stumps on his dismissal in the Bicentennial Test in Sydney and last season was axed after the Lord's Test against West Indies, having shown anger at another dismissal.

However, his inclusion in the two-day discussion and training

session indicates new chairman of selectors Ted Dexter, team manager Micki Stewart and Gower are ready to offer Broad a fresh opportunity.

The squad comprises the players chosen for the abandoned winter tours of India and New Zealand, together with candidates for the Ashes Series such as Mike Gatting, Paul Downton, Gladstone Small, Derek Pringle and Paul Jarvis.

Stewart said: "There is no question of this being an exclusive squad."

"We shall be looking for continuity and consistency this summer because England have traditionally used too many players in every home series going back decades. But there is no question of anyone having been ruled out."

AUGUSTA, Georgia, April 8. (Reuters): Nick Faldo and Lee Trevino emerged as the halfway leaders of the 1989 Masters yesterday after they survived strong winds which victimised many players, including defending champion Sandy Lyle.

"My bones hurt. Everything hurts," the 49-year-old Trevino said after he shot a two-over-par 74 to share the lead with Faldo, who at one point had a three-stroke advantage.

"Nick was hitting the ball real good. I thought for a while he was going to run away and hide," Trevino said of his co-leader, who carded a one-over 73.

"I played solid all the way through, although I slipped up a bit at the end," Faldo said.

## Bogeys

The Briton, who has never finished better than 15th in this major championship, got his score to six under par at the turn, but he made three bogeys coming in to let Trevino catch him.

"The wind makes this golf course a real challenge," said Faldo, who on the 1987 British Open and finished second in last year's US Open.

"I knew it would be a tough day today," Trevino said. "I figured par was going to be 75 today and if I could keep it at 75 or 76 I would be okay."

While 76 might have been fine for Trevino, who had a one-stroke lead over Faldo after the first round, that score was no help at all for defending champion Lyle, whose 153 total was three shots above the 36-hole cut. "That's game, set and match," a disappointed Lyle said after his 76, which included seven bogeys and only three birdies.

Trevino and Faldo finished with a two-stroke lead over five other players, including Seve

Ballesteros of Spain, who made a strong bid for the lead before his putter failed him on the back nine.

Ballesteros, who already has won here twice, made a seven on the 500-yard, par-five 15th hole when he needed four putts to get down from 25 feet.

"I guess everybody has to pay his dues this week," the still-smiling Spaniard said. "I hope I paid mine on 15."

Joining Ballesteros at 143 were Americans Ben Crenshaw, Scott Hoch, Ken Green and Mike Reid.

Green, playing in only his third Masters, had the best round of the very demanding day, a three-under-par 69. Reid shot 71, Crenshaw 72 and Hoch 74.

## Suffered

Hoch, who had started the day in third place only two behind Trevino, might have tied for the lead but he suffered a double-bogey on the 16th hole.

He dumped his tee shot into the pond in front of the 10-yard hole when a television crewman suddenly moved during his swing.

"He distracted me and I flinched," Hoch said. "I would have told him off, but I figured the television cameras were still rolling."

The windy conditions made things so difficult that only three other players besides Green and Reid were able to break par.

Texan Tom Kite, who considers himself a good wind player, matched par for the second straight day to stand alone at 144.

Two-time former champion Tom Watson, reigning US Open champion Curtis Strange and fellow American Mark O'Meara were another shot back at 145. In Hattiesburg, Mississippi,

Mike Donald shot a five-under par for a 36-hole total 133 to tie fellow-American and first-round leader Jim Booros for the lead halfway through the \$200,000 Hattiesburg Golf Classic yesterday.

Lance Ten Broeck who shot a 65 along with fellow-American Rick Fehr were a shot off the pace.

## Rallied

Donald started slowly with two birdies on the front nine, but rallied for four birdies and one bogey on the back nine. He had birdies on nine through 11 with putts of three, 10 and 20 feet. His lone miscue came when he hit his ball into the trees on number 16 and was forced to take a bogey.

"I went out today to try to shoot a couple under and keep in contention," said Donald, who shot a two-under-par 68 in the first round. "I learned last week in Houston that anyone can come from behind."

Booros, who led by a single shot after scoring a 64 on Thursday, had just two birdies and one bogey for a 69.

Starting on the tenth hole, Booros birdied the par four with a 12-foot putt then parred his next 11 straight holes until a bogey on the par-four, fourth hole. He completed his round with a 20-foot birdie at number nine.

"I got off to a good start with a birdie on my first hole, but my concentration was up and down today," Booros said. "Last year I shot 67-67 on the weekend. I'd take that again right now."

Ten Broeck had seven birdies and two bogeys.

In La Moye, Isle of Jersey, David A. Russell followed his opening-round 69 with a 70 yesterday to earn a share of the lead after two rounds of the Jersey Open Golf Championship.



Faldo: shares lead

The Los Angeles-based Englishman, who has been on a strict diet since November and has lost more than 70 pounds in four months, joined Welshman David Lewellyn at five-under 139 after 36 holes.

Russell, 31, fell back into a tie when he bogeyed the final hole after his drive hit a cart path and kicked into the deep rough.

Lewellyn opened his round with four successive birdies and later had three more, but double-bogeyed the 15th and bogeyed his final hole.

American John Jacobs, Scotland's Sandy Stephen and Sweden's Mats Lanner were one stroke behind the leaders. Two other Americans, Ron Com-

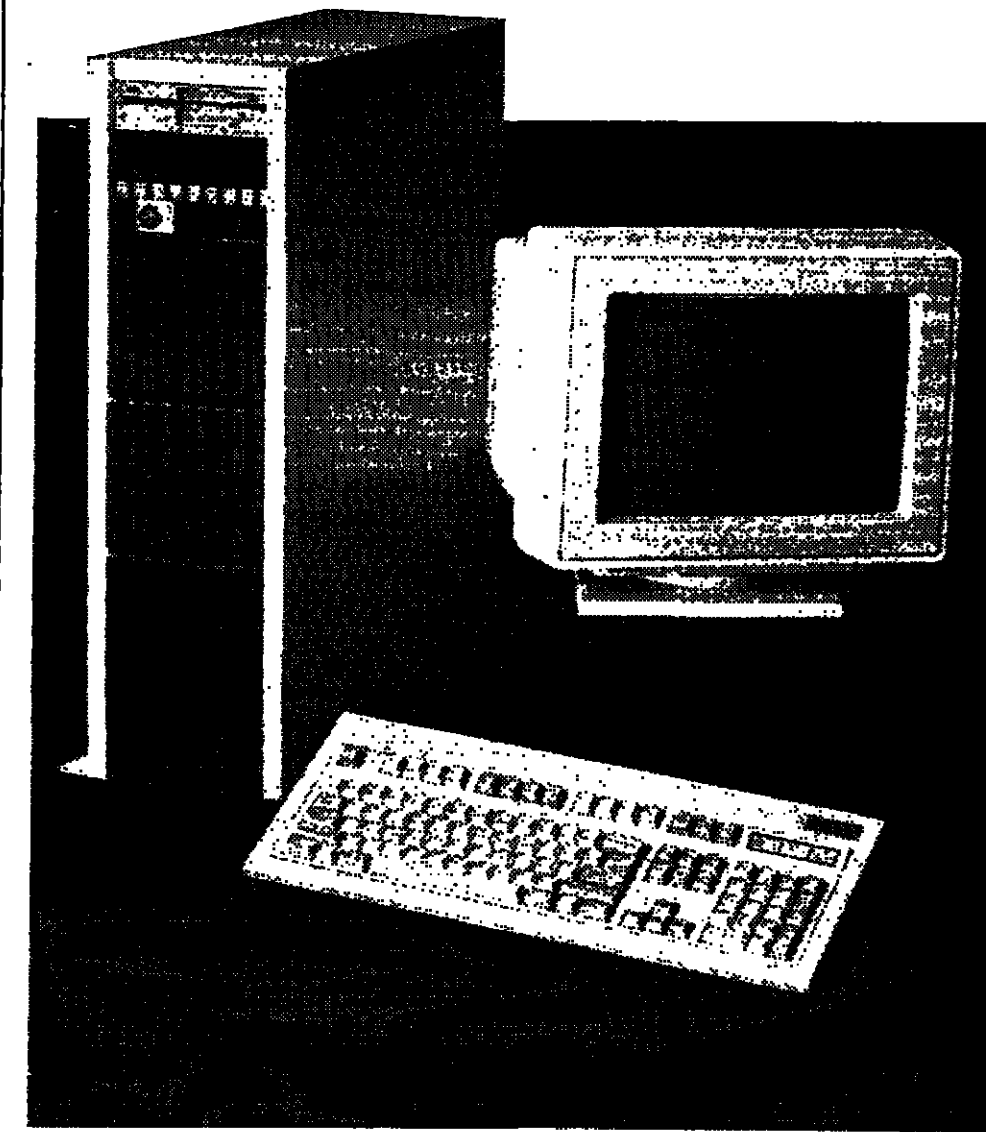
mans and Rick Hartmann, were at 141.

In Poway, California, Nancy Brown and Britain's Laura Davies shot 4-under-par 67a yesterday to share the lead after two rounds of the \$300,000 Inamori Classic.

Davis, one of nine golfers who started the day one shot off the lead, carded five birdies against an 18th-hole bogey for a two-day total of 6-under 136 on the hilly, 6,024-yard Stoneridge country club course.

Brown, who also shot an opening-round 69, birdied six holes on the par-71 layout but bogeyed at her third and 11th holes.

Martha Nause birdied three of the last holes for a 68 that put her alone in third place at 137.



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